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Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

May 13th. 1876.

Sir:

Your letter of the 12th. inst. enclosing certificate of deposit for $100.000. on account of Profits on Subsidiary Silver coinage, is received.

Very respectfully
Fred. Eckfeldt
Acting Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

May 13th. 1876.

Sir:

I have received the Oath of Office of James R. Taylor, Helper in the Melter and Refiner's Dept. of your Mint, forwarded on the 12th. inst.

Very respectfully
Fred. Eckfeldt
Act'g Director.

J. T. L. Schirmer, Esq.
Assayer in Charge
Denver Mint.

May 13th. 1876.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the Accounting Officers of the Department, for examination and settlement your Bullion Account for the quarter ended March 31st. 1876.

Very respectfully
Fred. Eckfeldt
Act'g Director.

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Hon. D. W. Mahon
1st Auditor.

May 13th, 1876.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Bullion Accounts of the Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Mint at Denver, for the First Quarter, 1876.

Gold Bullion Warrant and Receipt #258, has been returned for correction, and will be furnished you as soon as it is received at this office.

Very respectfully
Fred. Eckfeldt
Act'g Director.

Jas. Crawford Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

May 13th, 1876.

Sir:

Your letter of the 6th inst, transmitting Statements of Coiner's operations for the month of April 1876, is received.

Very respectfully
Fred. Eckfeldt
Act'g Director.

Telegram.

Superintendent Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

May 14th, 1876.

A few days absence has prevented action on your request for more silver. Will receive early attention.

H. R. Linderman
Director Mint.

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Telegram. Superintendent Mint May 14th 1876.
Carson, Nevada.

I am much gratified to learn by the Report of M. V. Davis, that the difficulty recently attending the execution of the Silver Coinage has been fully overcome. Please exercise the utmost scrutiny in future.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint May 14th 1876.
San Francisco.

I am much gratified to learn that the difficulty attending the execution of the small silver pieces has been fully overcome, and that the efficiency and skill which with this single exception has heretofore been uniformily displayed again prevails.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Jas. Crawford, Esq. May 15th 1876.
Supt. Mint. Carson.

Sir:

I am glad to receive assurances from you and also from Mr. M. V. Davis, that all your coins are now being turned out according to law and regulations, and properly finished. Whilst I have felt it my duty to severely censure the carelessness and want of skill displayed in coining Dimes, I have not been insensible of the fact that there has been much to commend in respect to the workings of your Mint, and I sincerely trust that no occasion will hereafter arise calling for just censure.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

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May 15th 1876.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I am much gratified to receive assurances from you, and also from Mr. M. V. Davis, that the Coiners Dept. is now in an efficient condition and none but properly executed coins being turned out.

Whilst I felt it my duty to severely censure the want of skill, carelessness and recklessness in permitting such imperfect coinage of Dimes, I am not insensible to the fact that prior to the appearance of these imperfectly finished Dimes, the operations in all the Departments of your Mint were conducted with uniform skill and efficiency, and that in these operations the officers and employés have displayed faithfulness and ability.

I trust that the reproof which has been justly called forth will impress upon the minds of the Officers the importance of making a most searching inquiry, with a view to ascertain whether the regulations are strictly conformed to, and if not, that greater care be taken in future.

I suggest that in connection with the operative Officers and Mr. M. V. Davis, you go over the instructions, examining each paragraph separately, with a view to ascertain whether they are all carefully and uniformly observed, and report the result to this Office.

Very respectfully,
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. La Grange Esq.

Supt. U. S. Mint

San Francisco.

May 15th 1876.

Sir:

Inviting your attention to Sec. 39. of the Coinage Act of 1873, I have to request that you will inform me whether it has been the practice of the Supt. to weigh a number of single pieces before deliveries are made by the Coiner?

What number of pieces it has been customary to try, and if not done by the Superintendent what Officer or Clerk has usually performed that duty?

Has it been the custom of the Assayer to attend in person or by a representative, separate and distinct from the representative of the Supt.?

I should also like to be informed of the manner in which the coins are counted, whether by means of the counting board, by hand or both, and what general precautions are taken in the Coiner's Office to ascertain the character of the coins before delivery to the Superintendent.

If there is any want of skill or carefulness in setting the dies, on the part of any employé, means must immediately be taken to correct the difficulty, and if necessary, experienced workmen will have to be sent out from the East.

Very respectfully

H. R. Leinderman

Director.

Similar letter addressed to

James Crawford Esq.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Carson, Nev.

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May 15th 1876.

Jas. Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson.

Sir:

I transmit herewith 40 dimes handed to me by the Secretary of the Treasury this morning, which were forwarded to him by the Assistant Treasurer at New York, having been found with numerous other defective pieces among the coins received from your Mint.

I cannot see how it was possible that such defective coin could have passed the most ordinary scrutiny of Officers and employés.

The most reckless carelessness would appear to have prevailed.

It is a matter of vital importance to the credit of the public service that you give the closest possible supervision to the operations of your Mint, and see to it that no more defective coin is issued.

I desire that in the presence of the Assayer you will weigh singly the enclosed dimes and transmit a statement of the weight of each, in grains and fractions of a grain, to this Office.

The Department has instructed the various Sub Treasuries to examine all the coins of your Mint before paying out and withhold all defective pieces.

You will please return $4.00 in dimes for those enclosed, taking the amount at random from those recently delivered by the Coiner.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman.
Director.

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James Crawford, Esq. May 15th 1876.
Supt. Carson Mint.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 4th inst, requesting authority to purchase small lots of mixed or unparted bullion and pay for the silver contained, in gold coins. There is no way in which this can be done at present.

It is probable that the Bill pending in the Senate for the issue of a new silver dollar will soon become a law, and if so, the difficulty you refer to will soon be removed.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq. May 15th 1876.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for your information, duplicate Invoices, and Bill Lading for supplies, purchased of Messrs. David Gilbert & Son and Bullock & Crenshaw, Philadelphia, for the Assay Dept. of your Mint, whose accounts have been approved and referred to the accounting Officers for settlement, payment to be made from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses, Mint U. S. at Carson, for the current fiscal year.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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May 15th 1876.

Jas. Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

In your unofficial letter of the 8th inst, you refer to the difficulty of bringing up the motto "In God we trust," with the last new Trade Dollar Dies, received from the Mint at Philadelphia, and express your intention to condemn them should further trials be unsuccessful.

In the event that you should so condemn them, you will please forward them by Express to this Office.

I sincerely trust that your intention to have the coins of the Carson Mint equal to those of any other Mint in the Country, will be adhered to, and be crowned with success.

It is my duty to inform you that the Silver Coinage of your Mint is showing very badly here, numbers of pieces being executed in every conceivable shape.

The Assist. Treasurer at New York states that some of your gold coins are not as well executed as those from the Mint at Philadelphia, and there is more variation in weight. Several specimens of silver coin conclusively show that you are in the habit of cutting blanks too close to the ends of the strips, which result in giving coin of less than legal weight.

Not only has there been want of skill and carefulness in striking coin, but there has been a general neglect of duty in inspecting the pieces after leaving the press, including carelessness in not making proper examination at the time of delivery by the Coiner to the Supt'dt.

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I have some fears that either your adjusting balances have not been kept in good order, or that some of the adjusters are incompetent or careless.

The reputation of your Mint and of your own Superintendency has suffered very much from this imperfect coinage, which can only be amended by a strict compliance hereafter with the Instructions and Regulations, and issue none but well executed coins.

In whatever way I can aid you in this reform, you have only to make your requirements known to insure prompt action on my part.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

May 15th 1876.

Sir:

The following balances of the appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year remain in the Treasury of the U. S. after deducting the amounts called for in your requisition approved this day, viz:

Salaries	1876	$2.050.–
Wages of Workmen	"	1.000.–
Contingent Expenses	"	1.479.64

I enclose herewith for your information a statement showing the disbursements from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson.

May 15th 1876.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your Mint during the current month has been approved for the sum of $14050.- from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries	1876	$2.050.-
Wages of Workmen	"	7.000.
Contingent Expenses	"	5.000.

It was found necessary to reduce the amount of your requisition under the head of "Contingent Expenses", for the reason that the amount asked for was in excess of the balance of the appropriation for that purpose remaining in the Treasury of the U. S. We have allowed you $5.000.- leaving a balance of $1479.64 for the service of next month.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U. S. Mint, Philadª.

May 15th 1876.

Sir:

Your letter of the 13th inst, transmitting the a/cs. of Messrs. David Gilbert & Son, and Bullock & Crawshaw for supplies purchased and forwarded by you to the U. S. Mint at Carson, Nev. is received, and the accounts have been approved and referred to the proper accounting officers for settlement, in due course of business drafts for the amounts will be transmitted.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman. Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock — May 15th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

You are hereby designated and authorized to take charge of the coins, medals &c, to be exhibited by this Bureau at the Centennial Exhibition, for which there exists an appropriation of $800.00. For any expenditures incurred you will take, and render vouchers on the blank forms enclosed herewith, and forward the same to R. W. Taylor, Esq. the Representative of the Treasury Department, through this Office for payment.

Whenever you find it inconsistant with your lawful duties at the Mint to give your personal attention to this business, you will designate some suitable person connected with the Mint, to attend the same.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Henry L. Whitman, Esq. — May 15th 1876.

St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 12th inst, in reference to the silver dollar of 1799.

The Government is not a purchaser of coins and no such list as you refer to, is official or genuine.

I will thank you to procure and transmit a copy of it to this Office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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May 15th 1876.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

Acknowledging your letter of the 4th inst, in which you express doubts as to the power of the Director to fix the amount of the bond of any appointee of the Superintendent of the Mint, I have to inform you that some months since the question arose whether bonds of this character should be filed in this Office, or with the First Comptroller, like all other bonds. The Comptroller decided that the words "similar bonds" in Section 11, of the Coinage act of 1873, made the bonds of Assistants, and Clerks, precisely the same character as those of the officers, and they were accordingly filed with that officer.

Such bonds being liable to be sued by the United States, it is proper that the Director should be satisfied with the amount, moreover, without such power in the hands of the Director, his approval would signify nothing.

If the amount named by the Supt. is not satisfactory, he of course would not approve, and would withhold his approval until it should be fixed to meet his views. Under any other construction than this, the Director's approval amounts to nothing and would practically place the power of the Supt. above that of the Executive Officer of the Bureau.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. La Grange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

May 15th 1876.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your communication of the 4th inst, explaining the employment of Mr. J. T. Babcock for special duty for 12 days @ $8.00 per diem, I have to state that in view of the explanation offered, I have concluded to approve the same, and have this day forwarded a copy of your letter to the First Auditor, with the request that the amount paid him be allowed in the settlement of your Accounts.

I have also forwarded to the same officer Vouchers #620 and #600 of your Account of the manufacture of Subsidiary Silver Coin for the month of March, 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. La Grange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

May 15th 1876.

Sir:

Your letter of the 5th inst, transmitting Statements for the month of April 1876, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. D. W. Mahon,
1st Auditor.

May 15th 1876.

Sir:

Referring to a communication from this Office under date of the 25th ult., transmitting for adjustment the account of the manufacture of subsidiary silver coin of the Supt. of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco for the month of March, 1876, & requesting that the sum of $96.00 paid J. E. Babcox for 12 days services @ $8.00 per diem be disallowed, the employment not having been submitted for my approval, I have to state that in view of the explanation of the employment of Mr. Babcox given by the Supt. of the San Francisco Mint in a communication dated the 4th inst., a copy of which is herewith enclosed you, I have concluded to approve the same, and have to request that you will allow it in the settlement of his Account.

I also enclose herewith properly receipted Vouchers #600 and #620 of the same Account.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Nevada Bank of San Francisco.
San Francisco.

May 15th 1876.

If you will deposit immediately at Carson Mint Dore bullion sufficient to turn out three hundred thousand ounces fine silver we will purchase latter at valediction per ounce fine. We prefer to pay for this special purchase in gold coin. Answer.

H. R. Linderman
Director Mint.

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Messrs. Hummel & Meng

Philadelphia, Pa.

May 15th 1876.

Gentlemen:

I have to request that you will ship without delay by rail to the Mint of the U.S. at Carson, Nev.

150 Medium Dippers
150 Small "
50 Pots No. 90, with covers,

providing you are willing to furnish the Pots at three 31 cents per number, and the Dippers at corresponding Market rates.

You will please call upon the Melter & Refiner of the Mint at Philadelphia, and get from him samples of the medium and small Dippers in use at that Mint to govern you in the manufacture of those ordered.

You will ship the above at the lowest through freight rates and forward to this office your account in duplicate accompanied by Bill Lading.

Should you not be willing to furnish the Pots called for at three cents per number you will please notify this Office without delay.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. C. Acton, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

May 15th 1876.

Sir:

I have this day received your Bullion Accounts for the First Quarter, 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman. Director.

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M. T. Bonzano, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans.

May 15th 1876.

Sir:

In reply to yours of the 10th inst, I have to advise you that the Catalogue referred to in Circular No. 58, has no reference whatever to any books or blanks required by your institution.

In making your requisition for Stationery &c you will please make an estimate of the amount required by you for the space of six months for the 1st of July next, and of any books or blanks that may be needed, you will please advise this Office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Messrs. Morgan & Orr
Philadelphia.

May 15th 1876.

Gentlemen.

You will please manufacture and ship to the U. S. Mint, San Francisco as early as practicable at the lowest through freight rates 120 Seamless Copper Canisters at a price not exceeding 55 cents per pound, in accordance with the requisition of the Supt. of that Mint upon this Office, a copy of which is enclosed herewith for your guidance.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Prof. R. E. Rogers. May 15th. 1876.

Sir:

It being probable that we shall be called upon to refine Doré bullion at the Philadelphia Mint, I will thank you to prepare and submit an Estimate of the cost of putting up the necessary fixtures for finishing refining by the use of sulphuric acid, similar to that put up under your direction at the San Francisco Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. Maher, Esq. May 15th. 1876.

New Albany, Ind.

Sir:

Your letters of March 25th. and May 3d. addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, have been referred to this Office.

Manufacturing acids is not a legitimate branch of minting operations, and the government does not propose in this, to compete with individual manufacturers.

Our supplies are obtained by advertising for bids in the open market and accepting the lowest bid by a responsible party.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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W. A. Hall Esq. May 15th 1876.

Newark, N.J.

Sir:

Your letter of the 13th inst, addressed to the U. S. Treasurer, has been referred to this Office.

The Act of Congress authorizing the coining of a Twenty Cent Piece was approved March 3d 1875. No coin of that denomination was struck by the United States prior to that time.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

A. L. Paquet, Esq. May 15th 1876.

#1308 Park Ave. Philadª.

Sir:

I will thank you to inform me at what time your Trade Dollar Dies will be completed, or when I can be furnished with a "splash" or a wax impression.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

A. Wolters, Esq. May 15th 1876.

Assayer in Charge,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

I have received your ⅌ of Ordinary Expenses for the month of April, 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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A. Wolters, Esq. May 15th 1876.

Assayer U. S. Assay Office
Boise City.

Sir.

Your letter of the 5th inst. transmitting Statements of Bullion operations for the month of April 1876, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

H. P. Nelson, Esq. May 15th 1876.

Bay View, Wis.

Sir:

As per request contained in your letter of the 12th inst., I have mailed to your address this day three copies of M. B. Circular No. 5, relative to the par of exchange between Great Britain and the United States.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq. May 16th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have been advised this day by the Supt. of the Mint at Philadelphia, of the shipment by express to you, of eighteen obverse, and eighteen reverse quarter dollars dies.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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May 16th 1876.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir;

I have received your letter of the 8th inst, in reference to the cost of the coal shipped you from New York. You state the cost per ton in New York at $8.97; the price was, including insurance, $6.85 per ton; furthermore, it was the ton of 2240 lbs. instead of 2000 lbs. as delivered in retail transactions in your city.

I have no means of judging as to the cost of hauling and storing per ton, but the price stated by you seems high.

You speak of similar coal being sold at the sametime @ $14.50 per ton. This must be regarded as an exception to the prices heretofore paid by you. Pittston coal is inferior to the coal shipped, and commands a less price in all markets.

I may say in general terms, that it will probably be best for you to buy your coal in the local market, but care must be taken to obtain a first class quality and at reasonable rates. One of the difficulties which would attend the carrying out of your suggestions to purchase a large supply on a favorable market would be the want of facilities for storing it. Your suggestions will be further considered after the appropriations for the next fiscal year shall have been made. One of the objects I had in view in making the shipment from New York, was to afford you an opportunity of having a test whereby you could judge as to the value of other qualities of coal.

It often occurs that vessels sailing to

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San Francisco, are compelled to take coal as ballast, and are thereby able to lay it down in San Francisco at a cost much less than when regular freights are paid. By carefully watching the market you can no doubt take advantage of coal shipped in this way, and procure it at comparatively low rates.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Jas. Crawford, Esq. May 16th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson.

Sir:

The following transfers, submitted in your communication of the 8th inst, are disapproved, viz:

E. B. Zabriski, Weigh Clerk, Coiner's Dept, transferred to Genl. Dept. as Accountant.

George Clark, Cutter, Coiner's Dept. transferred to Weigher.

J. Drane, Jr. Helper, Coiner's Dept. transferred to cutter.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Jas. Crawford, Esq. May 16th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint, Carson.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 8th inst, transmitting the result of assay of special test coins, from San Francisco, for the month of April, 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow

May 16th 1876.

Secretary of the Treasury

Sir:

Referring to the imperfectly executed silver coins received from the Carson and San Francisco Mints, I deem it proper to submit to you the action which has been taken by this Office in relation to the same.

It should first be stated that at the time of my last personal inspection of the Western Mints in July and August 1875, the coinage was being properly executed, and I was not informed of anything to the contrary, until the annual trial of the coins in February last, when some imperfectly finished pieces from the Carson Mint appeared.

San Francisco coins showed no defect in execution at that trial.

I immediately called the attention of the Supt. of the Carson Mint to these coins, and instructed him to take immediate steps to guard effectually against the issue of any but properly finished coins, and also suggested the employment of Mr. J. B. Harmstead, formerly Coiner of the Mint at San Francisco, and a very skillful expert, as general foreman of the Coining Dept.

Mr. Fred. Eckfeldt of this Office who was at that time engaged in making an examination of the Western Mints, was instructed to carefully examine the coining processes at the Carson Mint, with a view to correct the difficulty referred to. Mr. Harmstead entered upon duty as general foreman of the Coining Dept. on the 1st of April, since which time I have heard of no difficulty in executing the coins.

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Defectively finished silver coins, chiefly Dimes, of the San Francisco Mint, first came to my notice about the 12th of April.

I immediately telegraphed the Supt. to confine his coinage to quarter dollars, and to examine all the coins on hand before shipping any more East.

The Superintendent was further instructed to make a thorough examination of the Coining Dept. with a view to correct any defects.

The Officers of both Mints were severely censured for this inexcusable coinage, and informed that if there should be any further issuing of such coin, it would call for a change of Officers.

It had been before determined to transfer Mr. M. V. Davis from this Office, and who was for several years Assist. Coiner at Philadelphia, to the San Francisco Mint.

He was instructed to proceed immediately to Carson, make careful examination and report. He informs me that the coinage is now being properly executed.

After finishing his examination at Carson he proceeded to San Francisco, and has since been engaged in making an examination in detail of the Coining Dept. He reports that the coins are being executed in all respects, according to the law and regulations.

I feel confident that the measures which have been taken have corrected the evil and insured the proper execution of the coins.

I have informed both Superintendents of your dissatisfaction at the issuing of (over)

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imperfectly finished pieces, and warned them of the consequences, should there be any additional cause of complaint.

In justice to this Office, it should be stated that care has at all times been taken to furnish the Mints with the most improved and perfect machinery, and it has been impressed upon the Superintendents the importance of employing none but skilled and careful workmen.

It is probable that the primary cause of this trouble, was the heavy demand for coinage of gold and trade dollars, which came after the failure of the Bank of California in August last, and which continued for some months thereafter.

This demand caused the Mints to be worked to their fullest capacity, and led to carelessness in preparing the small coins.

Whilst this may be considered to be a partial explanation, it by no means excuses the want of skill and carefulness, and it is my purpose as soon as I can be absent from this Office for the required time, to make a searching examination of the subject to fix the responsibility where it properly belongs, and report the facts for your action.

Very respectfully
H. P. Lindermann
Director.

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Jas. Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson.

May 16th, 1876.

Sir:

Referring to your communication of the 8th inst, submitting for approval certain changes in the employés of your Mint, I have to state that Mr. J. T. Stirling was originally appointed in your Mint as an Accountant to meet certain requirements which no longer exist, and considering that you have two experienced and tried men in your Office, - Messrs. Hofer and Greenhood, I am of the opinion that the position heretofore filled by Mr. Stirling should be abolished.

I have therefore disapproved of the transfer of Mr. Zabriski, and the promotion of Geo. Hark and J. Doane, Jr.

In view of the recent trouble in connection with your Coinage, I doubt the propriety of transferring the Weigher, and promoting a Cutter in his place; - but without reference to this, there appears to be no necessity for continuing the position of Accountant.

Very respectfully,
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Louis McLane, Esq.

May 16th 1876.

President Nevada Bank of San Francisco.

Sir:

The Silver purchased today for the Carson Mint, will, with that to be delivered on your previous sales be sufficient to keep the Mints engaged until they close for the Annual Settlement, say June 15th.

It is expected that the settlement will be completed say July 1st and immediately thereafter we will require Silver Bullion for all the Mints, say as follows, per month, approximate estimate

Philadelphia	1.000.000.	fine silver
San Francisco	600.000.	" "
Carson.	400.000.	" "

The purchase for July should be made in June, and shipments to Philadelphia of fine bars should commence on, say June 22d.

The deliveries at San Francisco and Carson should commence the first week in July.

I telegraphed you from Philadelphia last week that the Silver from the Selby Refinery did not work well. If the difficulty cannot be fully overcome by that Refinery, it will be necessary to receive such an amount of Doré bullion at the Assay Office New York as will with the amount you may be able to part at the Pacific Refinery, give us the amount required for Coinage at Philadh.

This information is given in order that you may the better make your arrangements for supplying the bullion at the various points indicated.

If it shall be possible for me to be absent I shall leave here for the Pacific Coast by June 10th, and in that case, the purchase will probably be postponed until my arrival

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in your City, otherwise it will be made here.

The Bill authorizing the coinage of a Silver Dollar, of the weight of 412½ grains, will no doubt become a law, during the present Session, and if so, will make an additional demand for Silver for coinage, to the extent of the capacity of the Mints to coin it. We could probably coin dollars at the rate of one million per month, without reducing the subsidiary coinage.

An additional issue of twenty five millions of subsidiary silver coin, will no doubt be authorized during the present Session, and it is also probable that the entire coinage of Silver except the Trade Dollar will be on Government accounts.

In view of the necessity of executing the largest possible coinage for some time to come, it is very important that we should have none but thoroughly refined Silver, and this will be best insured by using only Silver parted by acids.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

The three hundred thousand ounces referred to herein as purchased, refers to our offer for that amount yesterday by telegraph, & which I supposed would be accepted by you & the purchase closed before the business hours expired.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

May 17th 1876.

Sir:

Your letter of the 16th inst, covering a communication from the Assayer relative to the charge for assays of ore, is received.

House Bill No. 2571 as passed by the House provides - "That it shall be the duty of those in charge of the Mints and Assay Offices of the United States, to make assay of ores brought to them for such purposes, and to give certificates under their official signatures of the results of such assays. And such assays shall be made at such price not less than actual cost to the United States, as shall be fixed by the Director of the Mint with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury. And there shall be an accurate account kept at each Mint and Assay Office of all assays made as above provided."

In all such cases where the actual cost to the Mint of making a furnace assay, exceeds the fixed charge of Three Dollars, an additional charge may be made sufficient to cover the expense.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock

May 17th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

You will please cause to be struck, as early as convenient two medals in Gold, "Life Saving Medal of the first Class", and two in Silver "Life Saving Medal of the second Class" - the dies for which were sent to you some time since. Fine Gold and fine Silver will be used for the medals respectively.

You will have these medals put up in a proper case so that the obverse and reverse will be exhibited side by side.

There will be no charge for manufacturing these medals. Your Bill for the Gold and Silver, used in the manufacture of the medals, will be made out in duplicate against the Treasury Department, and transmitted through this Office for settlement.

A separate Bill (in currency) will be rendered in the same manner for the cases.

As these medals are intended for Exhibition by the Treasury Department, in connection with its Light House system, &c, at the Centennial, it is important that they be prepared in the best manner, and that the case or cases in which they are to be displayed, should be suitable for the purpose.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock — May 17th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Sir:

Your letter of the 16th inst, transmitting a draft from the German Savings Institution, is received.

The draft is herewith enclosed and returned with endorsement.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock — May 17th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the Accounting Officers of the Department for adjustment your Ordinary Expense &c for the month of April, 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock — May 17th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have to request that in making out your monthly pay-rolls, you will use the forms sent you by the Department.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Telegram. Superintendent Mint May 17th 1876.

Carson. Nevada.

We have purchased of the Nevada Bank, three hundred thousand ounces fine Silver, delivery of Doré for the same will commence immediately. Depositor pays parting charge, rate one hundred and fourteen and one half cents per ounce fine, payable in gold coin; your bullion fund will be increased two hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Jas. Crawford, Esq. May 17th 1876.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby confirmed:

"We have purchased of the Nevada Bank, three hundred thousand ounces fine Silver, delivery of Doré for the same will commence immediately, Depositor pays parting charge, rate one hundred and fourteen and one half cents per ounce fine, payable in gold coin, Your bullion fund will be increased two hundred and fifty thousand dollars."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson. Nev.

May 17th. 1876.

Sir:

I have received your ✓ of Ordinary Expenses for the month of April, 1876; also, your ✓ of the manufacture of Subsidiary Silver Coin for the same period.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Jas. Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson.

May 17th. 1876.

Sir:

Your letter of the 15th. inst, transmitting Statement of Earnings and Expenditures for the quarter ending March 31st. 1876, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

Superintendent Mint
Carson, Nevada.

May 17th. 1876

Have you forwarded certificate for fine Silver delivered by Nevada Bank under purchase made on twentieth ultimo.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. Lafrangee Esq. May 17th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

As requested in your communication of the 9th inst, I transmit herewith for official use a copy of my letter of March 26th 1875 instructing Mr. T. H. Garraway to visit San Francisco and take an Inventory of the machinery, furniture, and all other property belonging to the Government in the Mint, in that City.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. M. V. Davis May 17th 1876.
Mint, San Francisco.

The appropriations and other matters have assumed satisfactory shape, and if transfers East be in proper condition matters will move on smoothly.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

N. K. Masten, Esq. May 17th 1876.
Cashier, Nevada Bank
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have received by registered mail a set of signals to be used in Official telegrams with your bank.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow — May 17th, 1876.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the bullion fund of the Mint of the U. S. at Carson, Nev. be increased two hundred and fifty thousand dollars ($250,000), by a transfer of that amount in gold coin, from the Asst. Treasurer U. S. at San Francisco, and that the transfer be made immediately by telegraph.

This addition to the bullion fund is necessary to enable the Superintendent of the Mint to make payment for fine silver purchased this day.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Miss. Margaret Love — May 17th, 1876.

1704 Rittenhouse St. Phil.

I have received your letter of the 5th inst. and regret to say that I see no possibility of being able to procure employment for you in the Philadelphia Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman,
Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon — May 17th, 1876.

1st Auditor.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary Expense A/c of the Supt. of the U. S. Mint at Philad.a for the month of April, 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Telegram.

Superintendent Mint
San Francisco.

May 18th. 1876.

As far as may be safe and consistent with the proper execution of the coinage you are instructed to work your skilled employés overtime on the subsidiary coinage, and you are authorized to increase your requisitions accordingly.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar telegram sent to
Superintendent Mint
Carson, Nevada.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

May 18th. 1876.

Sir:

The following despatch sent you this day is hereby made official, viz:

"As far as may be safe and consistent with the proper execution of the coinage you are instructed to work your skilled employés overtime on the subsidiary coinage, and you are authorized to increase your requisitions accordingly."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to
Jas. Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

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Telegram. Superintendent Mint May 18th 1876.
San Francisco.

The question of enlarging your coinage capacity being under consideration state whether you have any suggestions to make additional to those contained in Babcock & Martin's report of January. Instead of another Ajax would it not be better to use the black press or add a new number three - reply by telegram and mail.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint May 18th 1876.
San Francisco.

As you will be called upon to run your Refinery to its full capacity after the first of July it will be necessary to have adequate supply of zinc ready - what arrangements for the same have you made or contemplated. Answer.

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H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. Lafrange, Esq. May 18th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have received the official oath of Miss H. A. Chipman, Janitress in the General Dept. of your Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Confidential.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. Mint
Philadelphia.

May 18th. 1876.

Sir:

It will soon be necessary to equalize in a proper manner the rates of compensation allowed at the different Mints, and the New York Assay Office.

Mr. Randall, Chairman of the Appropriation Committee H. R. and who has examined the subject very carefully informs me that he thinks the rate at Philadelphia should be increased 10 per cent, & that the Cal.a & Nevada Mint rates should not exceed 25% your rates after the 10% increase.

In order that I may have the matter properly before me, I will thank you to have prepared without delay a list of all your employés, except where the salary is fixed by law, classified according to their designation upon the pay-rolls, and according to their respective occupations and duties.

You will please place the rate of compensation in one line, and the rate with 10% added thereto, in another, carrying out the latter in all cases where you think the increase may justly be allowed.

This Statement is for my information, and not to be acted upon for the present.

The question will no doubt come up between the two Branches of Congress before the Legislative Appropriation Bill is finally disposed of. Hence I should have it as early as practicable.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

May 18th 1876.

Sir:

It is of the first importance that you make all the subsidiary coin possible, and you must spare no exertion or means to that end. Put on all the additional force required immediately and work the skilled employés over-time to the extent practicable. The necessary additional funds which may be necessary to fully carry out these instructions will be furnished on your advising us of the amount required.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

Supt. U. S. Mint. Philadelphia.

May 18th 1876.

Sir:

If the Bill now pending in the Senate for coining a new Silver dollar, should become a law at this session, as it probably will, we shall be compelled to make such additions to the coining capacities of the Mints as are practicable.

At the recent conference which I had with you and the Operative Officers, the former expressed the opinion that there should be a larger press procured than you now have.

I will thank you to give me your opinion on this point, and state whether any other additions of machinery, apparatus or fixtures are practicable whereby your coining capacity can be increased without enlarging the present edifice.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman - Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock — May 18th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Some time since, under the 8th Sec. of the Coinage Act of 1873, I engaged Mr. A. C. Paquet to engrave a pair of trade dollar dies.

I am advised by him that in order to have the dies conform to the present designs, it will be necessary for him to have for one or two days, the alphabet punches, which you will please loan him.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock — May 18th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I will thank you to inform me whether you can have prepared within fifteen or twenty days, one thousand badges for the Association of Veteran Soldiers of the Mexican War.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock — May 18th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have received the Oath of Office of Wm. H. Evans, Annealer, in the Coiner's Dept. of your Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock — May 18th. 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I send you by today's mail, a package containing three samples of argentiferous ore for assay.

As a question of the amount of duties to be paid is involved in the result, it will be necessary to know the per cent of lead as well as the amount of fine metal per ton.

These assays being for the use of the Treasury Dept. there will therefore be no charge made.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. B. H. Bristow — May 18th. 1876.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will cause the sum of one hundred thousand dollars ($100.000.) in Subsidiary Silver coin to be transferred from the bullion fund of the Mint of the U. S. at San Francisco, to the Treasurer of the U. S., and that the same be deposited in the Treasury in the name of O. H. Lafrange, Supt. Mint, U. S. San Francisco, on account of "Profitt on Silver Coinage."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Hon. Jno. P. Jones
U. S. S.

May 18th 1876.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your inquiry as to the low rate of the salaries of the Officers of the Carson Mint, compared with that of the other Mints, I have to inform you that the same were fixed by law several years ago, and when the business of that Mint was quite limited.

The Superintendent receives $3000. which is $1500. less than the salary of the Supts. at San Francisco & Philadelphia, and the salaries of the Assayer, Coiner and Melter & Refiner, are $500. less than at the Mints in the cities last named.

The responsibilities of the Officers of the Carson Mint are equal to those of the Officers of the other Mints, and the cost of living in that City is probably higher than in Philadel. or San Francisco.

Under these circumstances it would be but just to place the salaries of the Officers of the Carson Mint, upon an equality with those of the other Mints.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

Superintendent Mint
Carson, Nev.

May 18th 1876.

Are you certain that you have room for an ajax press, Can any other additions be made to increase your coining capacity - reply by Telegram and mail.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Messrs. Morgan & Orr, May 18th. 1876.
1219 Callowhill St. Phila.

Gentlemen:

It is probable that it will become necessary to enlarge the capacity of the San Francisco Mint.

I will thank you to carefully examine the enclosed reports and give me the benefit of your opinion as to the practicability of making the additions therein referred to, and state the time that will be required for you to manufacture the portion of the machinery and apparatus usually made by your firm, should it be decided to order it.

I doubt the propriety of adding another Ajax press at San Francisco, and should think it better to put up the old black press or a new No. 3.

Please give me an estimate of the cost of these additions, and return the papers with your report.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. B. Acton, Esq. May 18th. 1876.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office.
New York.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the Accounting Officers of the Dept., for adjustment, your a/c of Ordinary Expenses during the month of April, 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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A. C. Paquet, Esq. May 18th 1876.
#1318 Park Av. Philad.

Sir;

Your letter of the 17th inst. in relation to the Trade Dollar Dies, is received.

I enclose herewith a letter to the Supt. of the Mint, requesting him to loan you for one or two days, the alphabet punches, which you require.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Supt. Document Room May 18th 1876.
House of Representatives.

Sir;

I will thank you to send to the Cashier of the First National Bank at Pittsburgh, Pa., a copy of H. R. Bill #2904.

Enclosed you will please find the postage stamps required.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon, May 18th 1876.
1st Auditor.

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment, the Ordinary Expense &c of the Supt. of the U. S. Assay Office, New York, for the month of April, 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

May 19th 1876.

Sir:

Some years ago there was a series of experiments made at your Mint to test the practicability &c. of using nickel as an alloy with silver for coinage. I do not remember the proportions used. I will thank you to furnish me with a statement of the tests made and the result thereof. The Assayer and M. & R. will no doubt be able to furnish from their note books the data requisite for a reply.

If the experiments did not embrace alloys of Silver & Nickel as high as 99% Silver and 1% Nickel, I should like to have some tests made of those proportions, also 2, 3, 4 and 5% nickel, and a few specimen coins struck of Silver so alloyed with nickel, no copper.

It is possible that a very small per centage of Nickel would give coins of fine appearance and this metal be sufficiently ductile to coin without difficulty and they would no doubt be sufficiently hard to resist abrasion.

I should like to have the opinion of the M. & R. as to the practicability of parting Nickel from Silver, the nature of the process, and expense.

If by the use of a small percentage of Nickel, Silver coins could be as readily manufactured as where copper is used, and the silver color is not impaired, I see no reason why such a change might not present some advantages.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman Director

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James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson. Nev.

May 19th 1876.

Sir:

In enumerating the balance on hand on the "Ac current" of your Ordinary Expenses Ac for the month of April 1876, you have made a memorandum that your wages Appropriation has been overdrawn $439.20. I am at a loss to know what this means.

You are doubtless aware that it is contrary to law to use any portion of your Contingent Fund for the payment of wages of your employés.

I will thank you to explain this entry.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Crawford.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson.

May 19th 1876.

Sir:

Referring to Voucher #100 of your Ac of the manufacture of Subsidiary Silver Coin for the month of April, 1876, I find that the sum of $36.00 has been paid for 4 days labor of a Tinner @ $9.00 (gold) per diem.

It seems to me that this is an excessively high rate to charge for the services of a Tinner, and I will thank you to inform me whether this is the usual rate paid for such services in your city.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman. Director.

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Jas. Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson.

May 19th 1876.

Sir:

Referring to your a/c of Ordinary Expenses for the month of April 1876, I desire to direct your attention to the following expenditures viz: Voucher #214, bill of Wm. Morehouse for One Full Set of Drafting Instruments, costing One hundred and twenty-five dollars, seems to be an entirely unnecessary expense. This purchase appears to have been made by the Assayer of your Mint, and as Drafting is not in any way connected with Assaying I cannot imagine for what legitimate Mint purpose they were intended.

You will please explain the necessity of this purchase and for what use they are intended in connection with the Assay Department of your Institution.

Voucher #201, bill of Wells, Fargo & Co, for expressage does not enumerate the contents of the boxes & package from Ogden to San Francisco, on which express charges were paid. The Accounting Officers of the Dept. require this to be done in all cases.

Voucher #212, bill of Geo. Dryer for Barrels, amounts to $42.00 gold, which with currency @ 88½ equals $47.45 currency, instead of $46.32 the amount paid. It is not the practice of the Dept. to notify its agents of errors in favor of the Government, but as reclamation may be made on you for the difference I think it proper that you should know of such discrepancies in your accounts.

Voucher #203, petty a/cs, bill of the

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A. and P. Tel. Co., contains an item of $3.25 for 56 words telegraphed the "Daily Alta" San Francisco, and one of $0.35 for 11 words to "Goodwin" Va. City. Yrs will please explain the nature of these despatches.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Jas. Crawford Esq. May 19th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson.

Sir:

I have received the official oaths of the following employés of yrs Mint, viz:
W. E. Reading, Helper, Coiner's Department.
J. H. McCormack, " " "

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq. May 19th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

Yrs letter of the 11th inst, enclosing Certificate of Deposit for $3,627.10 on account of proceeds of sale of old materials and by-products, has been received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.

Supt. Mint

San Francisco.

May 19th 1876.

Sir:

I am somewhat apprehensive that your gold bullion fund will be insufficient to pay for Gold deposited during the annual Settlement, and it is not probable that the amount in the Sub-Treasury in your City, will be sufficient to make the addition to the Bullion Fund which may be required.

It may therefore, become necessary to have, say, one million in gold coin deposited by the Treasury to your credit, with the Assistant Treasurer at New York, to be checked against in payment of gold deposited. This course I think would be preferable to the Treasury selling in your City, New York exchange, for gold coin.

I am not advised of the date when it will be necessary to close for the annual settlement. I suppose however, that the exhausted condition of the appropriations will render an early closing unavoidable. I hope that you will be able to continue coinage until 15th prox.

The Subsidiary Silver coin is going out pretty rapidly and it is quite probable that all we have on hand, including that which we may fabricate this month, will have been issued before we get fully under way in July.

I should be glad to hear from you as early as possible on the point herein presented, in order that timely arrangements may be made. You might

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telegraph me generally as to the time of closing, and in relation to the increase of Bullion Fund as herein suggested. Of course all the available coin in the S.F. Sub-Treasury should be first exhausted before drawing exchange on New York.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. Lalprange, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

May 19th 1876.

Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 11th inst. I have requested Messrs. Rosengarten & Sons to increase the shipment of Chemically Pure Nitric Acid to your Mint from five to ten cases per month.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. P. Smith, Esq.
Milford, Ind.

May 19th 1876.

Sir:

Your letter of the 17th inst. to the Treasurer of the U. S. has been referred to this Office for reply. If the gold dust you have is of the value of $100. or over, you can get gold coin for the same by sending it to the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, or the U. S. Assay Office at New York.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Messrs. Rosengarten & Sons
Philadelphia.

May 19th 1876.

Gentlemen:

Until otherwise instructed you will please ship ten (10) cases per month of Chemically Pure Nitric Acid, to the Mint of the U. S. at San Francisco, instead of five (5) cases as heretofore shipped by you, providing you are willing to furnish the additional quantity required at the price paid you for the last shipment.

You can make the shipment in one or two lots as may best suit your convenience.

Very respectfully,
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson.

May 20th 1876.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 13th inst. transmitting certificates from the Officers of your Mint in relation to the attendance of employés during the prescribed working hours.

I am gratified to know of the punctuality and attention of the employés to the performance of duty, as stated by the Officers in their respective communications, and am pleased to be enabled to refute the charges which have been made.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Telegram.

Superintendent Mint
San Francisco.

May 20th 1876.

On and after the twenty second instant silver parted from gold deposits, will be paid for at the rate of one hundred and five cents, per ounce standard in gold coin.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar telegram sent to
Superintendent Mint
Carson, Nevada.

O. H. La Grange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

May 20th 1876.

Sir:

The following despatch sent you this day is hereby made official, viz.

"On and after the twenty second instant silver parted from gold deposits will be paid for at the rate of one hundred and five cents per ounce standard in gold coin".

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to
James Crawford Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson. Nev.

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O. H. Lagrange, Esq. May 20th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I enclose herewith for your information a copy of a communication received from the Coiner at the Philadelphia Mint, exhibiting the several operations in the matter of silver coinage.

I trust that you will with the Coiner, give this paper very careful consideration.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to
James Crawford Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson. Nev.

O. H. Lagrange Esq. May 20th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 11th inst, estimating the cost of cleaning the Mint building, and asking that the necessary amount be advanced from the appropriation for repairs and preservation of public buildings, I have to inform you that upon inquiry of the Supervising Architect, I am informed that the appropriation is exhausted, and that he has no appropriation under his control out of which this expense could be paid; therefore the work cannot be done at present.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman. Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.

May 20th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have this day received your Ordinary Expense a/c for the month of April, 1876; also, your a/c of the Manufacture of Subsidiary Silver Coin for the same period.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.

May 20th 1876.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

Your letter of the 12th inst, transmitting Report of Assays of Special Test of Carson coinage for April 1876, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

Superintendent Mint
San Francisco.

May 20th 1876.

You are authorized to set up Black Press and include necessary expense in your next requisition. Will try to procure appropriation for the other additional machinery on Sundry Civil Bill.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

May 20th 1876.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of yesterday, in relation to the manufacture of one thousand badges for the Association of Veteran Soldiers of the Mexican War.

I will thank you to have the same prepared without the cross-bars, same as the last lot of thirteen hundred, and forwarded by express to this Office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

May 20th 1876.

Sir:

Referring to the letter of this Office addressed you on the 20th ult. I have to request that you will inform me when the certificate for the delivery of the first five hundred thousand ounces of fine silver at your Mint by the Nevada Bank of San Francisco of the 1500000. ounces purchased of that Bank may be expected.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

May 20th. 1876.

Sir:

On and after the twenty second instant silver parted from gold deposits will be paid for at the rate of one hundred and five cents per ounce standard in gold coin.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to
Thos. L. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Telegram.

Assayer in Charge, Mint,
Denver. Col.

May 20th. 1876.

On and after the twenty second instant silver contained in gold deposits will be calculated at the rate of one hundred and five cents per ounce standard.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. V. L. Scherimer, Esq.
Assayer in Charge, Denver.

May 20th 1876.

Sir:

The following despatch sent you this day is hereby made official, viz: "On and after the twenty second instant Silver contained in gold deposits will be calculated at the rate of one hundred and five cents per ounce standard."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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J. T. L. Schirmer Esq. May 20th 1876.
Assayer in Charge, Mint,
Denver. Col.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the Accounting Officers of the Dept. for adjustment your Ordinary Expense a/c for the month of April 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. T. L. Schirmer Esq. May 20th 1876.
Assayer in Charge, Mint
Denver. Col.

Sir:

You will please enumerate on the "a/c current" of your Ordinary Expense a/c under the head of "Balance on hand at the end of the month", the amounts belonging to the several appropriations.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon May 20th 1876.
1st Auditor.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary Expense a/c of the Assayer in Charge of the Denver Mint for the month of April 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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A. M. Kenady, Esq.
525 Sixth St.

May 20th 1876.

Sir:

I am informed by the Supt. of the Mint at Philadelphia that he can furnish 1000 badges for the Association of Veteran Soldiers of the Mexican War in about fifteen days from the receipt of your orders. Shall I instruct him to prepare them?

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon
1st Auditor.

May 20th 1876.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary Expense a/c of the Supt. of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans for the month of April, 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon,
1st Auditor.

May 20th 1876.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary Expense a/c of the Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Assay Office, Boise City, Idaho, for the month of April, 1876.

Very respectfully
(Signed) H. R. Linderman
Director.

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A. Wolters. Esq.

May 20th 1876.

Assayer in Charge
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the Accounting Officers of the Department, your Ordinary Expense a/c for April, 1876.

Very respectfully,
H. R. Linderman
Director.

M. F. Bonzano, Esq.

May 20th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the Accounting Officers of the Dept. for adjustment, your Ordinary Expense a/c for the month of April, 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

Superintendent Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

May 20th 1876.

Telegraph and write to Senator Jones urging him to have Carson Salaries placed upon equality with the other Mints.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Mint

San Francisco.

May 22: 1876.

Sir:

I have yours of the 4th inst. enclosing a copy of the report of Mr. M. V. David to you, in relation to the condition of the dimes on hand.

You state that you will continue to sort and ship as rapidly as possible unless otherwise ordered.

This is the proper course to pursue. You state that after these pieces have been in circulation ninety days the defects in execution will scarcely be observed, which indicates that you think they might as well be paid out. I cannot think this is the proper course. You will continue the assorting of dimes and send East only such as are of creditable finish, until otherwise instructed.

The credit of your Institution has already suffered to such an extent as will require most careful supervision on your part and perfectness in the finish of the coins hereafter issued, to re-establish its reputation.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.

May 22d 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

Referring to your communication of the 13th inst, in which you state that the balance to the credit of the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint for the current fiscal year as shown by your books differs by one cent from that given in my communication of the 5th inst, I transmit herewith for your information a Statement of the A/c of the United States with that appropriation, which corresponds with the books of the 1st Comptroller of the Treasury.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.

May 22d 1876.

Supt. Mint, San Francisco.

Sir:

Information has been received at this office to the effect that recently some boys playing about the Mint premises, found in and removed from a lot of ashes or refuse a gold bar or slug of the value of about $4000. and that the Supt. and Melter & Refiner were trying quietly to recover it.

Please report the facts immediately.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint U. S.
San Francisco.

May 22d. 1876.

Sir:

Your Daily Statement of the 15th. inst. is herewith returned in order that the amount due Depositors may be stated.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

May 22d. 1876.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 20th. inst. proposing to transfer Kelso Johnson from the position of Laborer to that of Cutter vice Theodore Hackett, reduced to Laborer, I have to say that while I have no objection to this change being made, in view of the fact that the name of Kelso Johnson appears on the Official Register of this Office in the General Dept. of your Mint, (as submitted in your communication of August 27, 1875,) I think that the recommendation and nomination of the Coiner is necessary, as required by Section 4 of the Coinage Act.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

The simple consent of the Coiner in writing will meet the case.

H. R. L.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

May 22d. 1876.

Sir:

Your letter of the 20th. inst. transmitting certificate in duplicate for five hundred and seventy five thousand and nine $\frac{50}{100}$ ounces fine silver delivered at your Mint by the Nevada Bank of San Francisco has been received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. T. L. Schirmer, Esq.
Assayer in Charge, Mint,
Denver.

May 22d. 1876.

Sir:

I have received properly witnessed Gold Bullion Certificate and Receipt #258, belonging to your Bullion Account for the First Quarter, 1876. The same has been referred to the 1st. Auditor of the Treasury.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. T. L. Schirmer Esq.
Assayer in Charge &c.
Denver. Col.

May 22d. 1876.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 16th. inst, and have forwarded to you by this day's mail the several Blank Forms, as requested.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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J. V. L. Scherimer, Esq. May 22. 1876.
Assayer in Charge,
Mint, Denver. Col.

Sir:

Referring to the transfer and appointment as Warrant Clerk of Jno. B. Cromwell, appmd this day, I have to inform you that it will be necessary for him to subscribe to a new Oath of Office before entering upon the duties, and that his salary can commence only from the date of such oath.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Supt. Document Room May 22. 1876.
U. S. Senate.

Sir:

I will thank you to send me a few copies (a half dozen if you can spare them) of an executive communication embracing a report of the Director of the Mint, showing "the product in gold and silver in the United States and other countries of the world from 1845 to 1875 inclusive", and introduced in the Senate on Friday the 19th. inst.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Samuel J. Randall

May 22. 1876.

Dear Sir:

The proposition of Mr. S. R. Oliver is quite ingenious, but in my opinion is impracticable.

The fineness proposed is that of the British Standard, 925 thousandths, and if adopted would give us two silver standards.

The gold value of the bar or disc would fluctuate with the price of silver and thereby complicate the accounts of the Treasury.

Bars of five ounces and upwards of the proposed fineness (Sterling Silver) are made and stamped at the New York Assay Office, for depositors.

I cannot see any advantage that would arise from making a bar or disc so small as 520 grains (1 1/12 ounce) and declaring it receivable for customs to the amount of fifty dollars.

If silver declined in value, the pieces taken would have to be sold at a discount, and the Treasurer of the United States not keeping a profit and loss account, the deficit would have to be covered by an appropriation.

Mr. Oliver's letter is herewith returned.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. D. W. Mahon — May 22nd 1876.
1st Auditor.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, duly witnessed, Gold Bullion Certificate and Receipt No. 258, belonging to the Bullion Accounts of the Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Mint, Denver, for the 1st quarter, 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. John W. Mackay — May 22, 1876.
Carrollton Hotel, Baltimore.
Would like to have you come over for an hour or two on business.
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Superintendent Assay Office
New York. — May 23rd 1876.
In filling balance of order, purchase only Silver parted by acids.
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq. — May 23rd 1876.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

A telegram sent you this day, in the following words, is hereby confirmed.

"In filling balance of order, purchase only silver parted by acids."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.

May 23d. 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

For the purpose of making the proper entries in the Official Register of this Office, I will thank you to inform me whether Mrs. E. J. Allen, whose appointment as an Adjuster in the Coiner's Dept. of your Mint was submitted on Jany 14th. 1876, and approved on the 22d. of the same month, was ever employed in your Mint, and the date of her removal; also, the date of removal of H. L. Street, appointed as a temporary Clerk in the Coiner's Dept. of your Mint Jany 7th. 1876; also, the date of removal of M. Berkley, Fireman, in the General Dept.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.

May 23d. 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the Accounting Officers of the Dept. for adjustment your Ordinary Expense a/c for the month of April 1876.; also, your Account of the manufacture of Subsidiary Silver coin for the same period.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

May 23d 1876.

Sir:

I return herewith for the approval of the Superintendent Bill of J. Morton & Co. for freight, enclosed in Warrant #678 of your Ordinary Expenses &c for the month of April, 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

Superintendent Mint
San Francisco.

May 23d 1876.

What number of large Refining Pots will be required to complete Refinery.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. A. H. Van Vorhes.
House of Representatives

May 23d 1876.

Sir:

Agreeable to the request contained in your letter of yesterday, I take great pleasure in sending you by today's mail, four copies of my last annual Report.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

May 23d 1876.

Sir:

The probable enactment of a law authorizing the coinage of a silver dollar of 412 8/10 grains, and allowing some latitude in devices and arrangement of the same, affords an opportunity to consider the propriety of improving our coinage, particularly the silver coinage.

In considering the subject, I desire the aid and full cooperation of the Officers of your Mint, and I propose to point out what I think may be fairly open to modification and improvement.

1st. The sitting figure of Liberty on the silver coin is objectionable, and a classical Head of Liberty should be substituted. This I regard as important.

2d. There should be only a single motto, and if it was practicable to put it on the periphery of the coin, it would be a decided improvement. As the legend "United States of America" expresses substantially the same thing as the motto "E Pluribus Unum" the motto "In God we trust", should, if for no other reason, have the preference; but the placing of the former on the Gold and Silver coins is obligatory under existing law, while the latter is not, and an Act of Congress would be necessary to make this change.

3d. An olive wreath, or, what would be better, branches of olive crossed and made to surround a space for the denomination of the coin, should take the place of the conventional Eagle on the reverse. To do this, however, would require an Act of Congress.

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4th. If the Engraver was not so crowded for space in arranging two mottoes in scrolls, it is probable that with a Head of Liberty on the obverse and a Heraldic Eagle on the reverse, both might be finely brought up.

5th. France, Belgium, Germany, Austria and some other Countries place raised letters on the periphery of their coins, and I think in this respect at least, their coins possess advantages over the British and American Coinage, but the trial of the implements procured from Brussels some time ago, established the fact that they cannot be adapted to the press in use at our Mints.

The propriety of importing one press with fixtures all complete for striking, say, the Double Eagle, with raised letters on the periphery instead of the reeded edge, should be considered. We have hitherto imported all improvements in the Assaying Dept., but not so as to the Coining Dept. If we had one press complete, it could then be determined whether our press could be altered to do the same work.

The question of importing one of the Austrian or British Automatic Machines for weighing finished coins, should also be considered in connection with this inquiry.

The coinage of both Twenty and Twenty-five Cent pieces should not be continued, one or the other should be dropped as also the Three Dollar piece.

It is claimed by some, that our engraving is somewhat inferior to that of other countries, and that the coins of the last twenty-five years are not equal in devices and execution thereof to those executed

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in the earlier years of the Mint.

Without pretending to decide this point, I think it would be well to consider whether any improvement in respect to the engraving is within our reach.

I will thank you to read this communication to the Officers, and after a full consultation and due consideration, give me such suggestions as may occur to you. You will please treat this letter under two heads;

1. What may be done under existing laws:
2. Recommendations which would require legislation to carry into effect.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philad.a

May 28.th 1876.

Sir:

I have received the Oath of Office of Franklin Smith, Melter in the Melter & Refiner's Dept. of your Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philad.a

May 28.th 1876.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion Rs for the 1st Quarter, 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

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Hon. Jas. Pollock — May 23d. 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have your letter of yesterday, enclosing a communication from the Melter and Refiner in relation to the Selby and New York fine silver.

We are taking steps for a full supply of fine silver resulting from parting by acid.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock — May 23d. 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I will thank you to inform me what price per pot was paid for the last lot of large porcelain refining pots, which were imported some years ago for the use of the Mints.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Supt. Document Room — May 23d. 1876.

House of Representatives.

Sir:

I will thank you to send me a copy of H. R. Bill # 3553.

Enclosed you will please find postage stamp covering its transmittal.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hermann Faber, Esq.

May 23d. 1876.

2039 Brandywine St.
Philad.a

Sir:

I desire to have prepared a design for coinage Dies, as follows:

1. Classic Head of Liberty.
2. Heraldic Eagle with olive branch & arrows in talons.
3. An olive wreath or crossed branches of olive surrounding space for insertion of denomination of coin.

At what charge will you undertake to furnish the above.

The difficulty with our coins is that the relief of the devices is too high. They should be so arranged that while there appears to be a relief it should be what is termed a false relief.

In case the sketches are ordered can you refer me to a modeler who can obviate the difficulty referred to.

Yours very truly
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon
1st Auditor.

May 23d. 1876.

Sir:

I hand you herewith the a/c of the manufacture of Subsidiary Silver Coin of the Dept. of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, for the month of April, 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Telegram. Nevada Bank of San Francisco. May 23. 1876.

San Francisco.

Send no silver but that parted by acids in Pacific Refinery which please run to its full capacity for completion of Philadelphia purchase.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

N. H. Masten, Esq. May 23. 1876.

Cash'r Nevada Bank,
San Francisco.

Sir:

A telegram sent you this day in the following words is hereby confirmed.

"Send no silver but that parted by acids in Pacific Refinery, which please run to its full capacity for completion of Philadelphia purchase."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Advices received this morning from the Phila. Mint show that the Selby Silver is working unsatisfactorily. See copy of Melter & Refiner's letter. We shall be compelled to confine our purchases to silver parted by acids in your Pacific Refinery and the Mint Refineries.

H. R. L.

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Hon. D. W. Mahon,
1st Auditor.

May 23rd 1876.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary Expense A/c of the Supt. of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco for April, 1876.

Bill of J. Martin & Co. for freight, enclosed in Warrant #678 of the above account, has been returned for the approval of the Supt.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Jas. Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson, Nev.

May 23rd 1876.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 16th inst. transmitting the Statements of Gold and Silver Bullion operated upon by the Melter & Refiner for the month of April, 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Jas. Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

May 23rd 1876.

Sir:

I have received the Oath of Office of Ambrose Grow, Laborer in the General Dept. of your Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Nevada Bank of San Francisco — May 23rd 1876.

San Francisco.

State lowest rate per ounce fine for silver contained. You will undertake to ship immediately and deposit Comstock bullion at New York Assay Office and Philadelphia Mint sufficient to give three hundred thousand ounces fine silver at former and two hundred thousand ounces at latter you paying transportation and parting charges. Payment for this silver in Gold coin in New York preferred. Parting charge at New York one and one half cents and at Philadelphia two cents per ounce gross.

H. R. Linderman
Director Mint.

A. L. Naston, Esq. — May 23rd 1876.

Cash'r Nevada Bank, San Francisco.

Sir:

A telegram sent you this day in the following words is hereby confirmed viz: "State lowest rate per ounce fine for silver contained you will undertake to ship immediately and deposit Comstock bullion at New York Assay Office and Philadelphia Mint sufficient to give three hundred thousand ounces fine silver at former, and two hundred thousand ounces at latter; you paying transportation and parting charges. Payment for this silver in gold coin in New York preferred. Parting charge at New York one and one half cents and at Philadelphia two cents per ounce gross."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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J. T. L. Schirmer, Esq.

May 23d. 1876.

Assayer in Charge, Mint,
Denver, Col.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 19th. inst, requesting a leave of absence for thirty days from the 2d. prox. for the purpose of visiting the Centennial Exhibition.

A leave of absence for thirty days is hereby granted to you.

In conformity with Section 9. Coinage Act 1873, you will appoint the Chief Clerk to act in your place during your absence.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. T. L. Schirmer, Esq.

May 24th. 1876.

Assayer in Charge, Mint,
Denver, Col.

Sir:

Referring to so much of the Report of Mr. T. Eckfeldt as relates to your Mint, I have to request that the large plumbago stirrers mentioned therein, as being unfitted for the use of your Mint, be shipped by you to the Mint of the U. S. at Carson, forwarding the bill of lading to the Supt. of that Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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James Ross Snowden, Esq.

133 South 5th St.

Philadelphia.

May 24th, 1876.

My dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your favor of the 22d inst, and in reply send to your address by mail today, certain documents relating to monetary affairs, including my Annual Reports for the years 1873-74-&-75.

I must request you to take especial care to preserve the Report for 1874, and return it to me after having gleaned from it such statistics as you may desire. This request is rendered obligatory from the fact that my supply is quite exhausted, and this copy I have reserved for my personal use.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Jas. Crawford, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Carson.

May 24th, 1876.

Sir:

I have instructed the Assayer in Charge of the Mint at Denver, to ship to you for the use of your Mint, a lot of plumbago stirrers, which were furnished to him some time since, and found to be too large for use in melting gold deposits. They can be employed in ingot melting.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

May 24th, 1876.

Sir:

I have your letter of yesterday inquiring if an order was lately sent to you for two sets of proof coin, which order, if received, has been lost.

I enclose a copy of a letter transmitted on the 17th inst, and suppose it to be the one referred to by you.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Sir Edward Thornton
British Legation.

May 24th, 1876.

Dear Sir:

Herewith I take pleasure in handing to you, copies of Executive Document No. 64, together with copies of the speeches of Messrs. Randall and Wells; - alluded to in our conversation of yesterday.

I have the honor to remain
Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Nevada Bank
San Francisco.

May 24th, 1876.

Your offer too high. We will give vacancy.
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Telegram. Superintendent Mint — May 24th 1876.
San Francisco.

If entirely agreeable to you and the Assayer, and you both are satisfied that the appointment would be a proper one in every respect, I would like C. C. Davis employed.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Supt. Assay Office — May 24th 1876.
New York.

What is the actual selling price of fine silver.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Nevada Bank, San Francisco. — May 25th 1876.

Will pay vacuum, which is equivalent of London rate. We cannot include transportation of gold as an element in the calculation. We suppose you cover that by sales of New York exchange.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

May 25th 1876.
N. K. Masten, Esq.
Cash'r Nevada Bank, San Francisco.

Sir:

A telegram sent you this day, in the following words, is hereby confirmed: "Will pay vacuum, which is equivalent of London rate. We cannot include transportation of gold as an element in the calculation. We suppose you cover that by sales of New York Exchange."

Very respectfully,
H. R. Linderman, Director.

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Hon. Lot M. Morrill

Chairman Com. on Appropriations
U. S. Senate.

May 25th 1876.

Sir:

The appropriations additional to those recommended in my letter of May 8th 1876, which will be required to meet the expenses of refining and parting bullion, are as follows, viz:

Mint at San Francisco.

For Wages of workmen $42.000, which will increase that item from $300.000. to $342.000.

For Incidental Expenses, $278.000., being an increase to $378.000.

Mint U. S. at Carson.

For Wages of Workmen $15.000., which will increase that item from $100.000. to $115.000.

For Incidental and Contingent Expenses $85.000., increasing that item from $35.000. to $120.000.

Assay Office at New York.

For Wages of Workmen $55.000., which will increase that item from $22.000. to $77.000.

For Incidental Expenses $42.000, increasing that item from $8.000. to $50.000.

Charges payable in gold coin will be made and collected from depositors sufficient to cover these increased expenses, and covered into the Treasury of the U. S. so that in fact it is not in the end an actual expense.

I enclose herewith for your information statements of the Earnings of the three Coinage Mints, and the Assay Office at New York for the quarter ending March 31st 1876, which will give the Committee and idea of the earnings of the Mints.

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I respectfully request that these Statements be returned to this Office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. B. H. Bristow

May 25th. 1876.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith in duplicate the certificate of the Supt. of the Mint of the U. S. at Philadelphia, of the delivery, by the Nevada Bank of San Francisco, of five hundred and seventy-five thousand and nine 59/100 ounces fine silver, on account of purchase of 1.500.000. ounces, made April 19th. 1876, at $1.18 per ounce fine.

Under the agreement made with the Nevada Bank, payments were to be made on the delivery of each 500.000. ounces.

I also enclose for your information, two letters of the Nevada Bank addressed to this Office under date of April 28th. & May 5th. 1876, respectively, requesting that payment be made on account of the Bank in U. S. Bonds, registered in the name of John W. Mackay of Virginia, Nevada, - interest payable in New York.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Messrs. Krummel & Meng. May 25th 1876.
955 North 3rd St.
Philadelphia.

Gentlemen:

You will please ship immediately after the 1st of July next at the lowest through freight rates to the Mint of the U. S. at San Francisco, Cal. the following Crucibles and covers, viz:

Number	Crucibles	Covers.
10s	200	
12s	300	
20s	80	
40s	200	
50s	500	75
60s	—	75
Total	1280	150

providing you are willing to furnish Crucibles of the best quality at three 13/ cents per number and covers, at the market rate.

The reason for not wanting shipment made before the 1st of July is, that we have no appropriation available, out of which to make payment. You will please notify this Office at an early day whether you will furnish the crucibles required.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Dr. R. E. Rogers, May 25th 1876.
#1004 Walnut St. Phil.

Sir:

As we are unable to procure porcelain refining jars from Europe, and those manufactured in your city by Remmy & Co, being, according to your certificate, well adapted for our use, it will be necessary for us to procure 50 or 100 pots from that firm for the use of the San Francisco Mint.

The price paid in former years for imported porcelain pots was about $45. gold, exclusive of duty.

I will thank you to inform me what in your opinion would be a fair price for the Remmey make of pots.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Superintendent U. S. Assay Office, N.Y. May 25th 1876.

You are authorized to complete last order at lowest market rate not above one hundred fourteen and one quarter cents per ounce fine acid refined silver.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq. May 25th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Office, New York.

Sir:

A telegram sent you this day is hereby confirmed. "You are authorized to complete last order at lowest market rates, not above one hundred fourteen and one quarter cents per ounce fine acid refined Silver."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman. Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint.
Philadelphia.

May 25th 1876.

Sir:

If you and the Coiner think that you can spare Mr. Downing, the foreman of the Coining Room, for say, four or five weeks from the first week in June, I will send him to Carson and San Francisco.

Those Mints are now understood to be turning out coins of satisfactory finish, but in view of the late trouble with the Silver coinage there, I desire to take all possible precaution against a recurrence of the difficulty, and Mr. Downing being known to us, as a man of rare skill in the use of coining machinery, I would like to have him examine in detail the manipulations of the Coining Dept.s of both Institutions.

If you conclude that he can be spared you will arrange to give him a regular leave of absence for say five weeks from June 3d to visit the Western Mints, under the instructions of the Director of the Mint.

Mr. Downing's necessary traveling expenses will be paid by the Mints which he visits, and as he will be put to some necessary expense, which cannot be allowed under the law and regulations as traveling expenses, we will increase his compensation for the time of his leave of absence, and while performing the responsible duty assigned him, to, say $7.00 per day. Please let me have your reply without delay.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman - Director.

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O. H. LaGrange Esq.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

May 26th. 1876.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 18th. inst. covering certain statements showing the workings of your Mint during the past eight years.

These statements show very gratifying results, but it is with very deep regret that I learn by your marginal note, that you have sent copies of the letter and statements to one of your Senators, in disregard of my positive instructions of April 11th. and a private letter of the same date.

Two days ago I was before the Senate Committee, and presented all the necessary facts to enable it to understand the requirements of the Mint Service, and I have reason to believe that all my recommendations were adopted.

In sending copies of letters and papers addressed to this Office, to a Member of the Committee, you not only violate my instructions, but do what I myself cannot do, pass them over the head of the Secretary of the Treasury; - all my communications to the Committee being sent through that Officer.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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N. H. Masten, Esq.
Cashier Nevada Bank
San Francisco.

May 26th. 1876.

Sir:

I received last evening your dispatch accepting our offer for Silver at 114¼ cents per ounce fine, deliverable at the Philadelphia Mint, and New York Assay Office.

Until the day on which I sent my first dispatch in relation to this lot of Silver, I was under the impression that no further purchases for coinage, during the present fiscal year, would be necessary, but the "Selby" Silver being found to work unsatisfactorily, I was not certain that the Pacific Refinery would be able to turn out fine bullion sufficient to keep the Philadelphia Mint coining to its full capacity. For this reason and to guard against any unforeseen interruption in the supply from the Pacific Refinery, I concluded to make a special purchase of bars resulting from Doré, to be deposited at New York Assay Office and Philadelphia Mint, by your Bank, and parted for its &c. In opening negotiations with you, I treated this purchase as a special one, and named a price which I thought fair and just on a declining market, and which I supposed you would be willing to accept under the circumstances.

What I understand to be the equivalent of the London price, is the value in U. S. money terms of the London quotation, converting British Silver Standard 925 m into fine bullion. It appears that you

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understand it to be as above for the basis of the calculation, but add the cost of transporting both the Gold and Silver contained in the bullion to New York and Philadelphia, and deduct the premium on New York exchange, drawn against the gold contained in the bullion, and that realized from the sale of the Silver. Which mode of determining the rate of sale or equivalent of the London rate shall not in any case bring the price above what the Government should properly pay for fine Silver, there can be no objection to it, but if the rate of New York exchange proved at the time of making a purchase rate, be quite low or at par, it would embarrass us, and probably prevent the purchase.

In order that we may properly understand the matter, I will thank you to inform me of the actual expense of transporting Doré bullion from Virginia City to New York and Philadelphia respectively; - state also, whether the charge is on the gross value of the bars, or on the Gold and Silver contained therein, that is to say, a charge for the gold value, and a charge for the Silver value; - also whether you pay on the old dollar valuation of the Silver, or its gold value at the purchasing rate.

The latter should be the rate, the former being an over valuation to all intents and purposes.

We will prefer to have all Silver for the Philadelphia Mint delivered in the form of fine bars (Pacific Refinery) and will only purchase hereafter Doré in case

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you cannot furnish Pacific Refinery bars sufficient to keep the Mint working to its full capacity, pay about eight to nine hundred thousand ounces fine per month, after July 1st.

The rate of New York Exchange being an element of the calculation when determining the price to be paid for Doré bullion delivered at San Francisco and Carson Mint, it would appear necessary for us to have the quotation, when the price is at any time fixed. This with the rates of transportation to New York would enable us to act intelligently, which is very important considering the delicate and important trust to be executed under the law.

I shall be obliged for a reply to this communication as early as practicable.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

R. W. Raymond Esq.
U. S. Comm^r. Mining Statistics
New York.

May 26th. 1876.

Sir:

Your accounts for the quarter ending March 31st. 1876, have been received and referred to the Accounting Officers, for settlement.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. R. P. Bland. May 26th 1876.

Sir:

I have your note of current date enclosing Bill H. R. 3363, and reply to your inquiries as follows.

By the coining value of gold is meant the rate at which it is coined under the law viz: 25 8/10 grains troy 9/10 fine to the dollar. The alloy is paid for by the depositor, but is not valued in the coin.

The nominal value of the gold coins corresponds with their intrinsic or bullion value; there is therefore no gain in value in the coinage.

The foregoing is an answer to your inquiries.

As the parting of bullion (separation of gold from silver both metals being returned in fine bars) is carried on only at the Mints in Philadelphia, San Francisco and Carson, and at the Assay Office in New York, it will be necessary to confine the provisions of your bill to those Institutions, otherwise fine gold could not be kept for the redemption of the notes at the place of deposit.

I have noted in pencil on the bill, the required modifications.

I observe that the value of the silver is to be computed at the Trade Dollar rate, 420 grains to the dollar.

I suggest for your consideration whether the computation should not be made on the basis of 412 8/10 grains of standard silver to the dollar. A bill for the coinage of a dollar of that weight

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being now under consideration in the Senate.

I make this suggestion without in any way committing myself to the making of either of these dollars an unlimited tender.

Your bill is herewith returned.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

May 26th, 1876.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

I have your letter of yesterday inquiring what is meant by the term "acid refined silver."

What I mean by acid refined silver is silver parted from gold and base metals by the sulphuric or nitric acid process, which will exclude silver refined by smelting or cupellation.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

Superintendent

May 26th, 1876.

Assay Office, N. Y.

I mean silver parted from gold by sulphuric or nitric acid and not that refined by furnaces.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

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Telegram. Nevada Bank, San Francisco. May 26th 1876.

Would like you to commence and complete shipment of Doré immediately in order that the same may be melted and assayed before we close for annual settlement. Answer.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

N. K. Masters, Esq. May 26th 1876.
Cash. Nevada Bank
San Francisco.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby confirmed, viz:

"Would like you to commence and complete shipment of Doré immediately in order that the same may be melted and assayed before we close for annual settlement. Answer."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock. May 26th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I return herewith for the signature of the Assayer, Report on Gold Bullion deposited, No. 58, belonging to your Bullion a/cs for the 1st Quarter, 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

May 26th 1876.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 25th inst, transmitting a list of the employés of your Mint with their present compensation together with prospective increase.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

May 26th 1876.

Sir:

Your letters of the 25th inst, enclosing certificates of deposits on % of Profits on medals ($871.00) and for proceeds of sale of old material $7.50, have been received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

May 26th 1876.

Sir:

I will thank you to inform this Office whether the Bank of California has completed their contract for the delivery of fine silver at your Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. Mint, Philadª

May 26th 1876.

Sir:

I have received your telegram of today and am pleased to know that Mr. Downing will be able to go.

As he is to accompany Dr. R. E. Rogers, 1004 Walnut St., it will be well if he should consult with him as to the time of his departure.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint
Philadelphia.

May 26th 1876.

Can Downing be spared and ready to start second June, answer.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

May 26th 1876.

Sir:

Your letter of the 18th inst, transmitting detailed statement of fine silver, delivered at your Mint, by the Nevada Bank of San Francisco, under purchase made April 19th 1876, has been received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Telegram. Superintendent Mint May 26th 1876.
Carson, Nevada.

Have you forwarded certificate for silver delivered you by Nevada Bank in accordance with my letter of the twentieth ultimo. Answer.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq. May 26th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

A telegram sent you this day in the following words, is hereby confirmed:

"Have you forwarded certificate for silver delivered you by Nevada Bank in accordance with my letter of the twentieth ultimo. answer."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Prof. R. E. Rogers. May 26th 1876.
1004 Walnut St,
Philad.a

Your instructions will be completed today. I will call on you on thirtieth. Prepare to start by second June.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

May 27th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

I have your letter of yesterday enclosing a communication from the Melter & Refiner.

I do not think it worth while to discuss the technical points raised by Mr. Mason. It surely must be known to him that more or less difficulty has attended the working at Philadelphia of silver regarded by him as entirely suitable for coinage.

If bars resulting from parting comstock bullion, or bullion of similar character cannot be procured, you will purchase such fine bars as you think best. My only object in desiring comstock bullion is to avoid the possibility of complaints in future.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Mr. Herman Faber

May 27th 1876.

2139 Brandywine St.
Philad^a.

Sir:

Acknowledging your favor of the 25th inst. I have to say, that I expect to be in your city on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. I would like you to call and see me at the Girard House Tuesday morning. If not at the Girard, you will find me at 1004 Walnut St.

H. R. Linderman - Director.

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Prof. R. E. Rogers. May 27th 1876.
1004 Walnut St.
Philadelphia.

Sir,

On the receipt hereof you are authorized and instructed to visit San Francisco and Carson, and make a careful examination of the Mints in those cities respectively.

It is expected that you will leave by the 3d, and arrive in San Francisco by the 10 proximo.

Mr. E. O. Leech a Clerk in this Office, has been detailed to assist you in the examination, and will act under your instructions.

Mr. A. W. Downing, Foreman of the Coining-Room at the Philadelphia Mint, and who is an expert of rare skill in coining manipulations has also been detailed to accompany you, for the purpose of making a critical examination of the machinery and apparatus in the Coining Departments of the two Mints, and the mode of using the same, and as to the qualifications of the workmen employed therein.

On your arrival in San Francisco you will first examine in connection with Mr. Downing the operations in detail of the Coining Department, and in the interval which will elapse between the intermission of operations and their resumption after the close of the settlement, you will carefully inspect the Melter & Refiner's Department and especially the Refinery, and see

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that it is put in condition to properly execute the work which will devolve upon it during the next fiscal year.

You will observe the course of the settlement of the operative Officers, and when the bullion has all been surrendered to the Superintendent by them, you will carefully weigh and count the same, preserving a distinction between gold and silver, and coin and bullion, and during the count you will seal the vaults so that they will be accessible only to the Superintendent and yourself. You are not to have the sole custody of the vaults, but it must be so arranged, that while the count is being made, there can be no access to them without your knowledge.

While you are engaged in these duties, you will instruct Mr. Leech to examine the books, records and accounts of the Superintendent, and Opperative Officers.

You will require the Superintendent to furnish you, at the close of business on the 30th. of June, or as soon thereafter as possible, a general balance sheet, also a statement of the Ordinary Expenses account, and compare the various balances with the coin, bullion, and moneys on hand.

You will also examine the mode of receiving, weighing, and melting deposits, with a view to ascertain whether the rights of depositors and the Government are properly protected.

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You will also examine as to the qualifications and careful attention to duty of the Engineer, Assistants and Firemen.

There have been executed during the last six months some defectively finished Silver coins, particularly Dimes; you are instructed to make a searching inquiry as to the cause or causes of this defective coinage, and determine if possible, what officers or employés are responsible for the same. You will also, in connection with Mr. Downing, ascertain what additional checks or regulations are necessary to guard against the possibility of a recurrence of this difficulty.

Charges have been made, that there are parties on the Pay Rolls, who do not reside in the City, or perform any services, and that others are paid for duty not performed. The Agent of the Treasury Department, to whom these charges were made will be instructed by the proper authority to call upon you, and give you the names of witnesses who have information upon this subject, among them Mr. Waite, Naval Officer of the Port of San Francisco. If these charges are true, the laws and regulations are being wilfully violated, and it is important that it should be known to us. You will endeavor by all proper means to ascertain whether these charges are true.

Charges have also been made implying unbecoming acts on the part of the Superintendent in the discharge of his official duties. You will inquire

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carefully into this charge, and request the Treasury Agent to specify the acts complained of, and furnish you with the proofs to establish the same. If in making the investigations, you deem it proper to place any of the witnesses under oath, you will employ a Notary Public or other officer authorized to administer oaths for that purpose.

You will not confine your examination to the special matters herein indicated, but endeavor to ascertain whether the conduct of the Officers, Clerks, Assistants and Employés, and their attendance upon duty is such, as is required, by the laws and regulations, and comports with the dignity and delicate functions of the Mint Service.

In the examination of any matter affecting the character of any person connected with the Mint, you will afford a fair opportunity for such person to be present and cross examine the witnesses.

While it is intended that your examination shall be thorough and complete, it is desired that you make it without publicity, and under no circumstances communicate any information to the public press.

You will make a similar examination of the Mint at Carson, and especially with reference to the defective Silver Coinage, executed within the last eight months thereat.

Mr. Dunning will critically examine as to the mode of conducting the several manipulations in the Coiners' Department.

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As it will be impossible for yourself and Mr. Leech to make the count at both Mints on the 30th of June, I will instruct Superintendent Lagrange to place Mr. Martin V. Davis, recently transferred from this Office, under your instructions, for such time as may be necessary for him to attend the Annual Settlement at Carson, and count the funds on hand at its completion.

In connection with your examination as to the general character and attendance to duty of the employés, you will carefully examine the rates of compensation allowed, with a view to determine whether the same, is in any case or cases, more than is reasonable and just, under the law, and considering the nature of the duties performed.

The number of persons performing clerical duties, appears to be greater than necessary; you will determine to what extent a consolidation of these positions can be made, without interfering with the efficiency of the service.

Mr. Fred. Eckfeldt, of this Office, made in February and March last, an examination of the Western Mints and a copy of so much of his report as relates to the condition and operations of the San Francisco and Carson Mints, is enclosed herewith for your information. Your attention is particularly invited to so much of Mr. Eckfeldt's report as relates to the receipt, custody, and distribution of supplies, and the establishment of a proper system of checks

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in connection therewith.

Copies of the regulations and instructions in force, and containing the Coinage Act of 1873, are herewith enclosed.

You will also ascertain whether the force employed in any Dept. of the two Mints respectively, is in excess of the work to be performed.

In confiding to you these delicate and important duties, we place full confidence in your discretion, zeal and fidelity, and feel confident that you will faithfully and efficiently discharge the same.

While engaged in the performance of these duties, you will be allowed a compensation of $10.- per day, and your necessary travelling expenses.

Very respectfully
R. P. Linderman
Director.

Messrs. Spear & Richards
Philadelphia.

May 27th 1876.

Gentlemen:

I will thank you to inform me at what rate per pound you will furnish twenty tons Lehigh Zinc suitable for use in parting gold and silver by Nitric Acid process, - payment to be made here in July.

Please give us at the same time lowest through rate for freight to San Francisco - We shall require the zinc in that city by the first week in July.

Very respectfully
R. P. Linderman
Director.

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Jas. W. Hart, Esq.

163 Broadway, N.Y.

May 27th 1876.

Dear Sir:

The Hon. S. S. Cox has referred your note of the 24th inst, to this Office for reply.

You ask, "by what authority that "venerable and pointed motto, a part of the "Coat of Arms of the United States - "E Pluribus Unum", has been changed "on the present coinage of the country, "for the somewhat vague "In God we trust."

Neither the original Mint Act of April 2d 1792, or that of Jan 18th 1837 required the legend "E Pluribus Unum" to be placed upon the coins.

The provision in the first Act referred to, was that on one side of the coins there should be an impression emblematical of Liberty, and on the reverse the representation of an Eagle with the inscription "United States of America." This provision was re-enacted in 1837, and continued in force until March 3d 1853, when an Act was approved authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to regulate the size and devices of the silver coin except the dollar.

The Coinage Act of 1873 requires the legend "E Pluribus Unum" and permits that of "In God we trust," to be placed on the Gold and Silver coins.

The placing of "E Pluribus Unum" on the coins prior to March 3d 1853, appears to have been a liberty taken by the Mint Authorities, and that from the date of the last named Act to the coinage

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Act of 1873, it was permissive as to the silver coins of less denomination that the dollar.

Since the Coinage Act of 1873, became operative, only two new or additional coins have been issued, viz: the Trade Dollar, and Twenty Cent piece.

The former bears the legend "E Pluribus Unum". It was not placed on the twenty cent piece for the reason that there was no space on which to place it.

Without entering at this time into the discussion of the wisdom of placing either of these mottoes on the coins, I may state that the inscription "United States of America" substantially expresses the same meaning as "E Pluribus Unum."

Before making any modifications of existing devices, inscriptions and mottoes under the Coinage Act of 1873, it was deemed best to carefully examine and consider certain questions connected with the abrasion and fraudulent tampering with the coin. A conclusion having been arrived at on these important matters, we have commenced the preparation of new dies for the silver coinage, in which we expect to make decided improvements. This work will be necessarily somewhat slow, and no alteration will be approved until experimental pieces showing the desired improvements, shall have been first struck. Of course the legend "E Pluribus Unum" will be placed upon the new dies.

Very respectfully,

H. R. Linderman, Director

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Hon. B. H. Bristow

Secretary of the Treasury.

May 27th 1876.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will issue your warrant on the Treasurer of the United States in favor of O. H. La Grange, Supt. of the U. S. Mint, at San Francisco for the sum of five thousand dollars ($5.000.) on account of the coinage of Silver for redemption of fractional currency, during the current month as provided in "an Act to provide for the resumption of Specie payments" approved January 14th 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Pollock, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

May 27th 1876.

Sir:

I have received two gold and two Silver Life Saving Medals, forwarded to this Office by Express, also your letter of the 26th inst, enclosing bills for the same.

The Medals have been delivered to the Secretary of the Treasury, and the bills for the same referred to him for payment.

I will thank you to have two copies of each class of Life Saving Medals struck in bronze, and forwarded to this Office with the bills for the same in currency.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

May 27th 1876.

Sir:

Your letters of the 26th inst. enclosing certificates of depositt for proceeds of old materials sold, amounting to $196.31, have been received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

May 27th 1876.

Sir:

You will please place Mr. Martin V. Davis under the direction of Prof. Rogers, to perform such duties as may be required of him in connection with the annual settlement and count of funds, at the Carson Mint at the close of the fiscal year.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

May 27th 1876.

Sir:

I have received the Oath of Office of Mr. A. W. Morse, Night-Watchman, in the General Dept. of your Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. Lafrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

May 27th 1876.

Sir:

Prof. R. E. Rogers of Philadelphia has been authorized and instructed to visit San Francisco, and will be present at the Annual Settlement at your Mint.

He will also make a general examination of the same under instructions of this Office.

Prof. Rogers will be accompanied by Mr. E. O. Leech, a clerk in this Office, and Mr. A. W. Downing Chief of the Coining Dept. of the Philadelphia Mint.

You are hereby instructed to afford him every facility for making the examination devolved upon him.

Prof. Rogers will be paid by you upon presentation of proper vouchers at the rate of $10. per day and his actual traveling expenses, from the date of his leaving Philadelphia, to the time of his leaving San Francisco.

You are also instructed to pay Messrs. Leech and Downing their actual expenses from the date of their leaving Washington and Philadelphia respectively, to the time of leaving San Francisco, upon their presenting vouchers in due form.

As your Contingent fund will not admit of the payment of these expenses a sufficient sum to cover the same will be advanced you from the appropriation for the manufacture of silver coin.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman. Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

May 27th 1876.

Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 19th inst, I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to issue his Warrant on the Treasurer of the U. S. for the sum of five thousand dollars on account of the manufacture of Silver coin.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. S. S. Cox
House of Representatives

May 27th 1876.

Sir:

I have replied to the note of Jas. W. Hart, transmitted by you on the 26th inst, and it is herewith returned.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Asst. Treasurer U. S.
Boston Mass.

May 27th 1876.

Dear Sir:

Will you please give me the names & address of the best Die and Medal Engravers in your City.

Oblige, very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson.

May 27th 1876.

Sir:

Prof. R. E. Rogers of Philadelphia has been authorized and instructed to visit Carson, and make a general examination into the workings and condition of your Mint, and you are hereby instructed to afford him every facility for making his examination.

Prof. Rogers will be accompanied by Mr. E. O. Leech a clerk in this Office, and Mr. A. W. Downing, Chief of the Mining Dept. of the Philadelphia Mint.

Prof. Rogers will visit and make an examination of the San Francisco Mint before going to Carson, and you are hereby authorized and instructed upon presentation of proper vouchers to pay him at the rate of $10. per day, and his actual expenses from the time of leaving San Francisco, and while at Carson, including the amount of his rail-road fare from San Francisco to Philadelphia.

You are also instructed to pay Messrs. Leech and Downing their actual expenses from the time of leaving San Francisco, and while at Carson, including rail-road fare from San Francisco to Washington and Philadelphia respectively, upon presentation by them of vouchers in due form.

If at the time these gentlemen present their vouchers for payment, you have not a sufficient amount on hand belonging to the Contingent Fund, you are

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hereby authorized to pay the same from the appropriation for manufacture of Silver coin.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford Esq. May 27th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint, Carson.
Sir;

Mr. Martin V. David, recently transferred from this office to the San Francisco Mint, will under instructions given him by Prof. R. E. Rogers, be present at the Annual settlement of your Mint, and count the funds on hand at the close of business June 30th and perform such other service as Prof. Rogers may direct.

You will afford Mr. David every facility to carry out his instructions.

You are hereby authorized and instructed to pay Mr. David's expenses from San Francisco and return.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Jas. Crawford Esq. May 27th 1876.
Supt. Mint. Carson.
Sir:

Your letter of the 20th inst. transmitting certificate for the delivery by the Nevada Bank of San Francisco, at your Mint of one hundred and ninety-nine thousand six hundred and seventy-four $\frac{11}{100}$ ounces fine silver under purchase of April 19th 1876, has been received.

Very respectfully H. R. Linderman, Director

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Telegram. Louis McLane May 27th 1876.

President Nevada Bank.

Ready to commence settlement under purchase nineteenth of April. Please to send resolution of the Board of Directors authorizing issue in name of John W. Mackay and delivery to Eugene Kelly and company according to letters of April twenty eight and May fifth.

H. R. Linderman

Director Mint.

Louis McLane, Esq. May 27th 1876.

Presidt Nevada Bank

San Francisco.

Sir:

A telegram sent you this day in the following words is hereby confirmed:

"Ready to commence settlement under purchase nineteenth of April. Please to send Resolution of the Board of Directors authorizing issue in name of John W. Mackay and delivery to Eugene Kelly and Company according to letters of April 28th and May 5th."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram. Nevada Bank May 27th 1876.

San Francisco.

What name shall be used in payment for silver delivered at Carson Mint under contract of April nineteenth.

H. R. Linderman

Director Mint.

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Messrs. N. Trotter & Co. May 27th, 1876.

Gentlemen:

At what rate per pound will you furnish twenty tons Lehigh zinc suitable for use in parting of gold and silver by nitric acid process, payment to be made here in July.

Please give us at the same time lowest through rate for freight to San Francisco - We shall require the zinc in that city by first week in July.

Yours Very truly
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Prof. R. E. Rogers May 27, 1876.
1004 Walnut St.

Important documents sent you by mail today.

H. R. Linderman
Director Mint.

Messrs. J. & W. Seligman & Co. May 29th, 1876.
New York.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of the 27th inst, relative to the coinage of Trade Dollars, I enclose herewith a copy of a letter of this date addressed to F. E. Low, Manager Anglo California Bank, San Francisco.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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F. F. Low, Esq.

May 29, 1876.

Manager Anglo California Bank
San Francisco.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of 19th inst. in reference to the coinage of Trade Dollars.

After the failure of the Bank of California last August, and the fire at the Mines in October, the coinage of Trade Dollars on your least became excessive, and not only caused inconvenience to the public, but consumed the time of the Mint to the detriment of the Subsidiary Coinage.

The Trade Dollar coinage should after its redundancy became apparent, have been entirely suspended for a time, but there was no authority of law to do that. All that we could do to discourage the coinage of Trade Dollars was to withdraw the Silver bullion fund, by coining it into subsidiary silver, and let depositors for Trade Dollars wait for returns until their bullion could be refined and coined. Further than that we were not authorized to go.

It is probable that some action will be taken in Congress during the present session, looking to the repeal of the legal tender of the Trade Dollar, and the restricting of its coinage to actual export demand. If so, it is probable that we shall make a moderate stock of Trade Dollars as soon as the Mint opens after the settlement. Public notice would of course be given on the subject.

If no action should be taken by

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Congress, on the points above referred to, we shall do the best we can to meet the commercial requirements of your Coast, by coining the Trade Dollar, to the extent required for export, but we should feel bound not to encourage coinage of Trade Dollars for local circulation; in fact it will be our duty to do all we lawfully can, to discourage its coinage for the latter purpose.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Justin S. Morrill
U. S. Senate

May 29. 1876.

Sir:

I reply to your inquiries of current date as follows: The gold value of a silver dollar of 412 8/10 grains standard, with silver at 52 pence British Standard, is 88.2+¢.

The gold value of a Trade Dollar is 89.7½+¢; of subsidiary dollar 82.4+¢. These are their gold values as bullion.

The difference between the gold cost of a dollar of 412 8/10 grs. and its nominal value, with silver at the present rate, would be 11.78¢.

The gold cost of $1000. of this dollar at above rate for silver and exclusive of cost of coinage would be $822.27.

At the present rate of silver 467.8/10 grains would be required to make a dollar of the same value as a gold dollar. The ratio of gold to silver would be as 1 to 18 2/100. The gold value of the greenback dollar with gold at 1.13 is 88½¢.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Telegram. Superintendent Mint — May 29th 1876.
San Francisco.

Give me an approximate estimate of the amount of Trade Dollars now held by Banks and others in your City, also amount your Mint has on hand, reply by Telegraph.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. A. L. Snowden — May 29th 1876.
Mint Philad.

Please call at the Girard House to-morrow morning.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange Esq. — May 31st 1876.
Supt. Mint U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

Your letter of the 22nd inst. transmitting Statement of 300.000. ounces fine Silver contained in Doré bullion, purchased of the Nevada Bank, is received.

Very respectfully
Fred. Eckfeldt
Act'g Director.

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Jas. Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson.

June 1st 1876.

Sir:

Your telegram of the 29th May relative to official postage stamps has been duly received. Upon making inquiry I find that the reason your requisitions have not been filled, is that you have failed to make reports monthly of the number of stamps used, as required by Regulations of the Department until recently none having been made by you since December, 1875.

Stamps will be forwarded to you by registered letter today or tomorrow at the latest. If you forward your Reports promptly you will not be inconvenienced again in like manner.

Very respectfully
Fred. Eckfeldt
Act'g Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint, San Francisco.

June 1st 1876

Sir:

Your Requisition for Funds to meet the expenses of your Mint during the current month has been approved for the sum of Nineteen thousand nine hundred & forty-nine 76/100 dollars from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries	1876	$2.100.–
Wages of Workmen	"	16.120.
Contingent Expenses	"	1.729.76

Very respectfully
Fred. Eckfeldt
Act'g Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock

Supt. U. S. Mint.

Philadelphia.

June 2d. 1876.

Sir:

Referring to my letter of the 23d. ult. in relation to the devices on the coinage, I have to request that you will, without delay, submit the same to the Officers of your Mint, and furnish me with their views respectively as well as your own on the points submitted. I expect to send a short Bill to Congress on the subject.

I will thank you to send Mr. Snowden, the bearer, here, in the early part of the coming week.

If we can succeed in getting a good Head of Liberty, it is my intention to substitute it, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, for the present sitting figure of Liberty, on all the silver coins, except the Trade Dollar.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

Supt. Mint, U. S.

Philadelphia.

June 2d. 1876.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 1st. inst. transmitting Statement for the month of April 1876.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Telegram. Superintendent Mint
Philadelphia.

June 2: 1876.

With the exception of bullion in course of coinage manufacture quarter dollars for rest of fiscal year.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar telegram sent to
Superintendent Mint
San Francisco.

Superintendent Mint
Carson.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

June 2: 1876.

Sir:

A telegram sent you this day, in the following words, is hereby confirmed:

"With the exception of bullion in course of coinage, manufacture quarter dollars for rest of fiscal year."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to
O. H. La Grange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Jas. Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint, Philad.a

June 2: 1876.

Sir:

Yours of the 31st ult. enclosing Coiner's Report of Coinage, executed during the month of May 1876, has been received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

June 2d 1876.

Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, I purchased on the 27th ult. of the Nevada Bank of San Francisco to be delivered at your Mint, free of charge, sufficient Doré bullion to produce two hundred thousand ounces fine silver, the gold contained to be paid for at its coining value, and the resulting silver to be paid for in gold coin from your bullion fund at the rate of 114¼ cents per ounce fine,- the seller paying parting charge of two cents per ounce gross.

By the terms of the sale, payment was to be made by coin check on New York, and to enable you to do so, the Secretary of the Treasury will be requested to cause your bullion fund to be increased by a transfer of $350.000. in gold coin, and the amount deposited to your credit with the Assist. Treasurer U. S. at New York.

This bullion will probably arrive in Philadelphia the first of the coming week.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock

June 2d. 1876.

Supt. Philad^a Mint.

Sir:

I have received your coinage statement for May, and have to express my appreciation of the large amount of coinage executed. The work reflects credit on the officers and workmen.

The Secretary on being shown the statement expressed his satisfaction that we were getting along so well.

Please exhibit this note to the head of each department of the Mint, and accept my thanks for the manner in which you have responded to our requirements.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

June 2d. 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philad^a.

Sir:

Please have the Assayer and the Melter & Refiner examine the enclosed documents, and give me your opinion whether we had better make a further trial of the "Selby bars."

I will thank you to favor me with an early reply, returning the papers with your report.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. Mint
Philadelphia.

June 2nd 1876.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized to furnish the Academy of Fine Arts, in your City, with a set of public medals, copper-bronzed, at the actual cost thereof to the Mint.

Yours very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philad^a.

June 2d 1876.

Sir:

I have received the official oaths of the following named employés of your Mint, viz:

Coiner's Dept.

Thomas Gillespie, Cutter.
John Gallagher, Jr. Roller.
Sarah W. Murphy, Adjuster.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco.

June 2d 1876.

We are waiting for your coinage Statement for May.

H. R. Linderman
Director Mint.

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O. H. La Grange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

June 2d. 1876.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 23d. ult. intimating that certain bullion dealers melt crude gold and silver together for the purpose of having the same parted for the price paid for Doré, and requesting my attention to the subject.

I am of the opinion that such bullion cannot lawfully be refused by the Mint, but payment for the silver must in all cases be made in fine silver bars, except at such time as the Mint may be receiving deposits for Trade Dollars, when payment for silver contained may be made in such coin.

In other words, such silver must not be regarded as silver contained in gold deposits, which under the regulations is paid for in gold coin.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. La Grange, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

June 2d. 1876.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 23d. ult, transmitting a Statement of the Refiner's Silver Workings for April 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. La Grange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco.

June 2. 1876.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for your information, duplicate Invoice and Bill Lading, for ten cases Chemically Pure Nitric Acid, shipped you on the 25th ult., by Messrs. Rosengarten & Sons, Philadelphia, whose account I have approved and referred to the accounting officers for settlement, payment to be made from the appropriation for the "Coinage of Silver for the redemption of fractional currency."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thomas C. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

June 2. 1876.

Sir:

I have to inform you that, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, I purchased, on the 27th ult. of the Nevada Bank of San Francisco, to be delivered at the U. S. Assay Office, New York, free of charge, sufficient Doré bullion to produce three hundred thousand ounces fine silver, the gold contained to be paid for at its coining value, and the resulting silver to be paid for in gold coin, from your bullion fund, at the rate of 114 1/4 cents per ounce fine, the seller paying a parting charge of 1 1/2 cents per ounce gross. This bullion will probably arrive in New York the first of

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the coming week. The fine silver bars resulting from the parting of the same will be transferred to the Mint.

We will not make any further purchases of silver during the balance of the present fiscal year.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

T. L. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

June 2. 1876.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your Office during the current month has been approved for the sum of Thirteen thousand & seven and 15/100 dollars from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries	1876	$2,650.–
Wages of workmen	"	6.000.–
Contingent Expenses	"	4.357.15

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. L. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

June 2. 1876.

Sir:

Your letter of the 31st ult. transmitting a/c current of the bullion fund of your Office has been received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Thos. C. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

June 2. 1876.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 1st. inst, transmitting a Statement of Special Test Assays of Philadelphia Coinage, for May 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman.
Director.

Dr. R. E. Rogers
1004 Walnut St. Phila.

June 2. 1876.

Sir:

Inviting your attention to the enclosed informal note of Mr. M. V. Davis, together with the accompanying schedule of charges on bullion at the San Francisco Mint, I have to request that as soon after your arrival in San Francisco as possible, you will, with the Superintendent, go over these charges, and have him submit by mail to this Office for approval by the Director and the Secretary of the Treasury, a schedule of charges which shall be made to cover the expenses of the several operations subject by law to charge.

It is probable that no alterations of the rates now in force will be required, but the usual form of approval having been inadvertently omitted by the Superintendent, it will be best to have a new table prepared and duly approved as provided by law.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

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Prof. R. E. Rogers. June 2d 1876.

Sir:

A sufficient quantity of zinc to commence the operations of the next fiscal year at the San Francisco Mint, will be required. The Superintendent telegraphs that he can procure Martindale zinc in San Francisco at 12½ ¢ per pound, but that they prefer Lehigh.

I think for a time at least it will be advisable to order the best quality of Lehigh zinc.

I enclose herewith two offers to furnish the same made by dealers in Philadelphia. You will observe in examining these bids that Messrs. Nathan Trotter & Co. specify best Lehigh zinc, while the bid of Messrs. Spear & Richards simply mentions Lehigh zinc. If the zinc which the latter proposes to sell is of a quality equal to the best Lehigh zinc offered by Trotter & Co., Messrs. Spear & Richards will be entitled to furnish it.

I am unwilling to accept any but the best article of Lehigh zinc. You will please examine the subject and advise me which bid will be most advantageous to accept.

Please return the papers after you have examined the subject.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Col. James Ross Snowden, June 2d/1876.
Chairman &c.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your note of yesterday received. Upon further consideration, I am of the opinion that we cannot lawfully place a set of National Medals on exhibition at the Academy of Fine Arts. We can however, furnish the Academy with a bronze set of medals, at the actual cost thereof to the Mint.

I have this day requested Supt. Pollock to furnish the Academy with the Medals, on these terms. I will send in a day or two, some medals from my private collection.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Messrs. Rosengarten & Sons, June 2d/1876.
Philadelphia. Pa.

Gentlemen:

Your account for 10 boxes Chemically Pure Nitric Acid, shipped the Mint of the U. S. at San Francisco, on the 25th ult, has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers, for settlement.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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T. Maher, Esq. June 2d. 1876.
New Albany, Ind.

Sir:

Your letter of the 22d. ult. addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, applying for a clerkship at one of the Western Mints, has been referred to this Office.

Nominations for clerkships are made by the Superintendents, and not by this Office, and I therefore suggest that you make your application to the Supt. of the San Francisco or Carson Mints.

I return your letter with the endorsement of Gen. Harlan, and also Mr. Smith's letter, as you may desire to make use of them.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Jas. Crawford, Esq. June 2d. 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint. Carson.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 25th. ult. transmitting Statements for the month of April, 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Col. Jules Berton June 2d. 1876
San Francisco.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your communication of the 23d. ult. and will duly consider the suggestions therein presented.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

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Henry Mitchell, Esq.
5 Tremont St. Boston.

June 2. 1876.

Sir:

The Assistant Treasurer at Boston, E. Haven Jr. Esq., has furnished me with your name as being one of the best die and medal Engravers in the country.

I have under consideration the question of substituting a classical Head of Liberty in place of the sitting figure of the same on all the silver coins except the Trade Dollar. This can be done under existing laws.

The propriety of procuring such legislation as would authorize the dispensing with the figure of an Eagle on the reverse of the silver coins and substituting therefor branches of olive surrounding a space for the inscription of the denomination of the coin, is also under consideration.

I would like your opinion on these points, and also in case authority could not be procured to dispense with the figure of an Eagle on the silver coins, whether a purely heraldic Eagle might not be substituted with advantage in place of the existing figure.

Would you undertake to furnish sketches illustrating the foregoing changes, and at what cost?

In case these changes should be undertaken, it is my desire to avail myself of the best artistic skill in the Country, both for the designs, and the engraving of the dies.

I shall be glad to hear from

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you at your convenience.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to (dated June 3rd 1876)
J. & J. Berry & Co.
68 Cornhill St.
Boston.

Hon. Lot M. Morrill June 3rd 1876.
Chairman Com. on Appropriations
Senate U. S.

Sir:

The bill making appropriations for Legislative, Executive and Judicial Expenses, for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1877, as reported by your Committee to the Senate, provides for the office of the Director of the Mint, one clerk of class four, and one clerk of class one.

I have the honor to request that in lieu of a clerk of the fourth class, a clerk of the third class be provided for, and that in place of a clerk of the first class that a clerk of the second class be provided for. This will not increase the total amount allowed by the Committee for salaries in this Office, but will secure the retention in the Office of a valuable man, now occupying a second class clerkship.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Prof. R. E. Rogers
Philadelphia.

June 3d. 1876.

Sir:

In the general instructions given you you were directed to examine into the subject of the recent defective Dime Coinage at the San Francisco and Carson Mints, with a view to ascertain the cause or causes thereof, and what officers or employés were responsible for the same.

The amount of Dimes on hand at the San Francisco Mint when the defective finish was brought to the attention of this Office, was something over $1.000.000.

The Superintendent was instructed to have each individual Dime examined, and retain for issue such as should be found of finish suitable for issue.

Mr. M. V. Davis, after a partial examination of the Dimes, expressed the opinion that the entire lot had better be recoined.

The Supt. who expressed the opinion that the defects would not be observed after the coins were out thirty days, was again instructed to continue the assorting until further orders.

You are instructed to examine these Dimes immediately after your arrival in San Francisco, and advise me by telegraph, as to what disposition had better be made of them, that is to say, whether those

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which have been assorted and pronounced as suitable by the Supt. are, in your opinion, entirely fit for issue, and whether it will be more economical to melt the amount remaining unassorted, or continue the assorting until the entire lot has been gone over, and recoin the rejected pieces.

When you telegraph your opinion, please state the amount selected for issue, also the amount remaining unassorted.

Very respectfully

Director.

J. J. L. Schirmer, Esq. June 3rd 1876.

Assayer in Charge, Mint

Denver.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 29th ult, in which you state that it has been your invariable practice to enumerate on the "A/c current" of your Ordinary Expense a/cs. under the head of "Balance on hand" the amounts belonging to the several appropriations.

By reference to the "A/c current" of your Ordinary account for the month of April 1876, you will find that this was not done, but simply the total balance on hand April 30th 1876 ($1974.13) given.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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J. V. L. Schirmer, Esq. June 3. 1876.
Assayer in Charge, Mint,
Denver.

Sir:

I enclose herewith a Circular containing instructions to all Officers of the Treasury Department relative to the proper briefing of official communications, a necessity for the observance of which you will readily perceive.

I will thank you to observe these instructions.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to
Thos. L. Acton Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

J. V. L. Schirmer, Esq. June 3. 1876.
Assayer in Charge, Mint
Denver.

Sir:

I have received the oath of office of Jno. B. Cromwell, Workman in your Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hermann Faber, Esq. June 3. 1876.
#2039 Brandywine St. Phila.

Sir:

Your letter of the 28th ult. enclosing sketches for designs, has been received and will be duly considered.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman. Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock — June 3d 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I return herewith for receipt by Adams Express Co., bill of Pope Cole & Co. for copper purchased for minor coinage, belonging to your Bullion A/cs for the First Quarter, 1876.

The written order of Messrs. Pope, Cole & Co, on the face of the bill renders this necessary.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock — June 3d 1876.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your letter of the 2d inst, enclosing statements of Minor Coins redeemed, reissued and exchanged, and of Minor coinage operations during the month of May 1876, has been received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

A. M. Kennady, Esq. — June 3d 1876.
#525 Sixth St. N. W.

Sir:

I have this day received from the Mint at Philadelphia, a box containing 1000 Badges for the Association of Veteran Soldiers of the Mexican War, and which is awaiting your orders.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman. Director.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow June 3. 1876.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the bullion fund of the Mint of the U. S. at Philadelphia, be increased three hundred and fifty thousand dollars ($350.000) by a transfer of that amount in gold coin from the Treasurer of the U. S., and that the same be placed to the credit of the Supt. of the Mint, with the Assistant Treasurer, of the U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. B. H. Bristow June 5. 1876.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will issue your Warrant on the Treasurer of the U. S. in favor of O. H. Lafgrange, Supt. of the Mint of the U. S. at San Francisco, for the sum of twenty-one thousand five hundred dollars on account of the "Coinage of Silver for redemption of fractional currency" during the current month as provided in "An Act to provide for resumption of specie payments", approved January 14th. 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow
Secretary of the Treasury.

June 5th 1876.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will issue your Warrant on the Treasurer of the U. S. in favor of James Pollock Supt. of the Mint of the U. S. at Philadelphia, for the sum of ten thousand dollars ($10.000) on account of the manufacture of silver coin for the redemption of fractional currency, during the current month, as provided in "An act to provide for the resumption of specie payments approved January 14th 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

June 5th 1876.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to issue his Warrant on the Treasurer of the U. S. in your favor for the sum of ten thousand dollars ($10.000) on account of the Coinage of Silver for the redemption of fractional currency during the current month.

It will be necessary for you to render a separate and distinct account from your regular Ordinary Expenses Account, covering the disbursements of this sum.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

June 5th 1876.

Sir:

I enclose herewith vouchers in duplicate for 1000 Bronze Mexican Badges forwarded by you on the 2nd inst. also draft for $300. endorsed to your order in payment for the same.

I have to request that you will furnish this office with an explanation of the bill of Robert T. Moffitt, for bronzing the badges as heretofore no charge has been made by the Mint for this item, and when the badges were ordered it was understood that they would be furnished at 30 cents a piece, the price heretofore charged by the Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

June 5th 1876.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your Mint during the month of June 1876, has been approved for the sum of twenty-six thousand and thirty-seven 59/100 dollars, from the following appropriations:

Salaries	1876	$2.800.
Wages of Workmen	"	20.000.
Contingent Expenses	"	3.237.59

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

June 5th 1876.

Sir:

I have received the Oath of Office of James M. Curry - Engineer in your Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. C. Acton Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

June 5th 1876.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 3rd inst, relative to the Doré bullion purchased of, and to be delivered at your Office by the Nevada Bank of San Francisco, Cal: I have to state that it is desirable that this bullion should be melted and assayed, and payment made therefor during the current month.

I do not think it advisable for your Melter and Refiner to undertake to part any portion of this bullion until after the annual settlement, but it is very desirable that it should be parted immediately after the first of July, and the resulting fine silver bars forwarded to the Mint as early as practicable thereafter.

You are authorized to have the cards required for melting printed.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Telegram. Superintendent Assay Office June 5th. 1876.
New York.

No, I do not think it expedient to change the rule as agreed upon last January twenty-fourth.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq. June 5th. 1876.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to issue his Warrant on the Treasurer of the U. S. in your favor, for the sum of twenty-one thousand five hundred dollars ($21.500.) on account of the "Coinage of Silver for the redemption of fractional currency", during the current month.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint June 5th. 1876.
San Francisco.

Has Nevada Bank delivered Silver under sale of April nineteenth, if so forward certificate. It is important that the delivery be completed this month.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint June 5th. 1876.
San Francisco.

Your requisition for June approved.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Telegram. Superintendent Mint June 5th 1876.
San Francisco.

When will you be able to make shipment on account of transfer orders to St. Louis, Cincinnati Chicago and New York now outstanding. Answer.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq. June 5th 1876.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

A telegram sent you this day, in the following words, is hereby confirmed:

"When will you be able to make shipment on account of transfer orders to St. Louis, Cincinnati, Chicago and New York, now out-standing. answer."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint June 5th 1876.
San Francisco.

What amount of Dimes have been assorted, and are ready for shipment. Answer.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint June 5th 1876.
Carson, Nevada.

Have you filled transfer orders for Washington, and New York, of one hundred thousand each, answer.

H. R. Linderman. Director.

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M. V. Benzano, Esq. June 5th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
New Orleans.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your Mint during the current month has been approved for the sum of $536.80 from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries — — 1876 $288.50
Wages of Workmen — " 248.30

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

M. V. Benzano, Esq. June 5th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans.

Sir:

I have received your Ordinary Expense a/c for the month of May 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Messrs. Richardson, Hill & Co. June 5th 1876.
Bankers,
Boston. Mass.

Gentlemen:

As per request contained in your letter of the 3d inst, I send you a copy of my last annual Report.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Telegram. Bank of Nevada. June 5th 1876.
San Francisco.

Referring to your letter of twenty second ultimo we desire you to send to Philadelphia Mint fine bars exclusively from Pacific Refinery. Necessary time will be given to complete delivery.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock June 6th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Referring to your Bullion Accounts for the 1st Quarter 1876, I have to request that you will prepare and forward a Warrant authorizing "Profit & Loss" to be debited and "Gold Bullion" credited with the sum of $699.56, the same being the loss on sweeps (gold), sold during the quarter; also, a warrant authorizing "Silver Profit & Loss" to be debited, and "Silver Bullion" credited with the sum of $983.09 on Sweeps (Silver), sold during the quarter.

These Warrants are required by the Accounting Officers of the Departments.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadel.a

June 6th. 1876.

Sir:

I have received your communication of the 5th. inst., returning properly receipted bill of Pope Cole & Co. for copper belonging to your Bullion Dep., for the 1st. Quarter, 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

June 6th. 1876.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the Accounting Officers of the Department for settlement your Bullion Accounts for the 1st. Quarter, 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadel.a

June 6th. 1876.

Sir:

I have received the official oath of Chas. H. Lavis, Machinist, General Dept. of your Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock — June 6th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your account of Ordinary Expenses for the month of May 1876 has been received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock — June 6th 1876.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

You will please forward to this Office as early as practicable, a detailed Statement of the fine Silver delivered at your Mint by the Bank of California.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq. — June 6th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson.

Sir:

The bill of the Treasury Dept. for cases used in shipping books and blanks to your Mint, amounting to $4.10 has been approved and referred to the accounting Officers for settlement, - payment to be made from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of the Mint of the U. S. at Carson, during the current fiscal year.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman. Director.

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Prof. R. E. Rogers

Philadelphia.

June 6th 1876.

Sir:

An informal letter from Mr. M. S. Davis, states that on his suggestion, the reserve coins at the San Francisco Mint are now taken and sealed up in the Coiner's Room, and in the presence of that officer, the previous custom having been to take them in the Cashier's Room and seal them up in the presence of the Assayer only;- also, that the Coiner now takes from every draft ready for delivery twenty (20) pieces, and tests their weight.

Section 30 of the Coinage Act of 1873 provides, that when a delivery is ready to be made by the Coiner, "It shall be "the duty of the Superintendent to ascertain by the trial of a number of single "pieces separately, whether the coins of "that delivery are within the legal limits "of the standard weight." The weighing of pieces by the Coiner, as suggested by Mr. Davis, does not relieve the Superintendent of the duty of ascertaining in the manner prescribed by law, whether the coins are within the legal limits of the Standard weight.

You will please make a careful examination to ascertain whether the Supt. has heretofore made the examination of coins as prescribed in the Section of the Coinage Act referred to. I very much fear that this examination has been neglected by the Supt.

Mr. Davis further informed me that on the first day's trial of the "new

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regulation" was the finding of a trade dollar 1.3/4 grains light, and that on re-weighing of the whole delivery some forty (40) odd pieces were found outside the legal tolerance. This shows great carelessness on the part of the adjusters or defective means of weighing. You will please give this matter the most careful examination possible. It is scarcely to be conceived how with the most ordinary skill and attention to duty, such imperfect working could result.

In connection with this matter I think that you should take some afternoon and devote it to a careful examination as to whether the general regulations are uniformly observed in the transaction of business and the various operations of the Mint. In doing this I suggest that you take each officer, his Assistant, and Foreman, and having the regulations before your eyes, request information as to how business is done, under each regulation separately, and be sure and get the information before reading the regulation to the party under examination.

I think that there is good ground to apprehend that the regulations have not been carefully observed. It is difficult to conceive how these defects could possibly have arisen if the Officers have observed and enforced the regulations contained in the printed pamphlet heretofore sent you.

You cannot be too careful and searching in your examination. It is

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not only absolutely necessary that these defects should be immediately and completely corrected, but that all persons who have by neglect of duty, been instrumental in producing them should be dismissed from the Mint.

Very respectfully,
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Dr. R. E. Rogers — June 6th 1876.
#1004 Walnut St. Phila.

Sir:

I transmit herewith to you, copies of communications received from the Officers of the Mint at Philadelphia, in relation to Silver purchased from the Selby Smelting and Lead Co., of San Francisco.

I have to request that in addition to your other duties whilst on the Pacific Coast, you will confer with the Managers of the Selby Works, and ascertain if the difficulties complained of by Prof. Booth, can with certainty be overcome.

Very respectfully,
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Supt. Mint, U. S. — June 6th 1876.
San Francisco.

Tracy's pay increased to seven dollars and fifty cents per diem from the first instant.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Richard C. Remmy, Esq.
2363 Frankford Avenue
Philadelphia

June 5th 1876.

Sir:

You will please select seventy (70) of the large sized Porcelain Refining Pots, personally inspected by Prof. Rogers and myself a few days since, and pack them in the most careful and secure manner, and ship them by fast freight line to the "Mint of the U. S. at San Francisco", taking Bill Lading in triplicate, with through freight rate stated thereon.

You will please send none but perfect Pots, rejecting all that are not symmetrical in form, or show any defects whatever. It is desirable that fifty (50) of these Pots should be forwarded immediately, as it is necessary that that number should be received at the Mint in San Francisco in July.

You will render your bill in duplicate - to this Office accompanied by Bill Lading immediately after the 1st prox. for settlement.

It is understood that the price paid for these Pots is not to exceed $100. each, currency.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Jno. J. Sheridan, Esq. June 6th 1876.
#401 N. 2d St. Philadª

Sir:

I have received your note of the 5th inst, requesting to be informed "By what authority was the motto 'E Pluribus Unum' removed from the National Coinage", and "by what authority was the motto 'In God we trust', placed thereon."

Neither the original Mint Act of April 2, 1792, nor that of Jan. 18th 1837, required the legend "E Pluribus Unum" to be placed upon the coins.

The provision in the first Act referred to, was that on one side of the coins there should be an impression emblematical of Liberty, and on the reverse, the representation of an Eagle with the inscription "United States of America".

This provision was re-enacted in 1837, and continued in force until March 3d 1853, when an Act was approved authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to regulate the size and devices of the silver coin, except the dollar.

The coinage Act of 1873, requires the legend "E Pluribus Unum" and permits the motto "In God we trust", to be placed on the gold and silver coin. The placing of "E Pluribus Unum" on the coins prior to March 3d 1853, appears to have been a liberty taken by the Mint authorities, and that from the date of the last named Act to the Coinage Act of 1873, it was permissive as to the silver coins of less denomination than the dollar.

Since the Coinage Act of 1873 be-

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came operative, only two new or additional coins have been issued, viz: the Trade Dollar and Twenty Cent piece. The former bears the legend "E Pluribus Unum"; on the latter there was no space to place it.

Without entering into the discussion of the wisdom of placing either of these mottoes on the coins, I may state that the inscription "United States of America" substantially expresses the same meaning as "E Pluribus Unum".

Before making any modifications of existing devices, inscriptions and mottoes under the Coinage Act of 1873, it was deemed best to carefully examine and consider certain questions connected with abrasion and the fraudulent tampering with the coin.

A conclusion having been arrived at on these important matters, we have commenced the preparation of new dies for the silver coinage, in which we expect to make decided improvements.

This work will necessarily somewhat slow, and no alteration will be approved until experimental pieces showing the desired improvements shall have been first struck.

Of course the legend "E Pluribus Unum" will be placed upon the new dies.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Louis McLane, Esq. June 6th 1876.

President Bank of Nevada
San Francisco.

Sir:

Upon the receipt of your letter of the 22d ult, with enclosures, I transmitted the same to the Mint at Philadelphia, for an expression of opinion on the part of the Officers of that Institution, and herewith enclose copies of their replies.

Under the views taken by the Officers who are immediately responsible for the coinage, I do not feel at liberty to accept any more "Selby" silver, until the matter can be thoroughly looked into. I propose to examine the subject at San Francisco, in person or by representative before the close of the present month, and hope we shall then be able to find out where the difficulty lies and overcome it.

In advising an arrangement with you for our silver supplies, one of the chief reasons which I gave was, that you would be able to give us exclusively Comstock bullion. Experience having shown that silver parted from the same by acid process is without exception found to be more suitable for coinage, than silver resulting from melting foreign coin or from Lead Refining Works.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

June 6th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

Referring to my letter of the 2d inst. approving your Requisition for funds for the current month, I have to inform you that it has been found necessary to reduce the amount asked for under the head of "Contingent Expenses" from $4.357.15 to $4.355.40, the latter being the balance remaining to the credit of the appropriation for that purpose.

It seems that a small bill of Adams Express Co., amounting to $1.75 for freight on Stationery was settled at the Dept. from your Contingent Appropriation about April 1st 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Messrs. Morgan & Orr,

June 6th 1876.

1219 Ludlowhill St. Phila.

Gentlemen:

The Supt. of the Mint at Carson requires for the use of the Rolling Room, a hand punch for cutting blanks to test, during the process of rolling.

I will thank you to furnish this Office with an estimate of the cost of such a punch complete, with the punches and beds for the various denominations of coin.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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J. V. L. Schimmer, Esq.

June 6th 1876.

Assayer U.S. Mint
Denver, Col.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to issue his warrant in your favor for the sum of two thousand one hundred and seventy-seven $\frac{55}{100}$ dollars payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint for the current fiscal year:

Salaries	1876	$856.20
Wages of Workmen	"	1223.—
Contingent Expenses	"	97.65

This course was rendered necessary from the fact that your requisition for funds, transmitted on the 1st inst, called on its face for two thousand, two hundred and twenty four $\frac{55}{100}$ dollars, and the body of the requisition amounted to only $2,177.55.

The requisition is herewith returned cancelled.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. H. V. Page,

June 6th 1876.

H. R. Washington.

Dear Sir:

I have your note of 3d inst, enclosing certain papers in reference to claims of John Veix, an employee of the San Francisco Mint, for improvements in operating on bullion, alleged to have been made by him while employed by the United States in the Mint service.

At present I cannot spare the time

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necessary for a careful examination of these papers, but will do so at my earliest convenience.

Yours Very Truly
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. B. H. Bristow — June 6th, 1876.
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will issue your warrant on the Treasurer of the U. S. in favor of J. G. L. Schirmer, Assayer in charge of the U. S. Mint at Denver, Col. for the sum of two thousand one hundred and seventy-seven $\frac{55}{100}$ dollars, on account of the following appropriations made for the support of that Institution for the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1876	$856.90
Wages of Workmen	"	1223.–
Contingent Expenses	"	97.65

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Andrew Mercy — June 6th, 1876.
955 North 3rd St.
Philadelphia.
Will write today.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. D. W. Mahon — June 6th 1876.
1st Auditor.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Bullion accounts of the Supt. of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia for the First Quarter 1876. The Supt. has been requested to furnish warrants for the loss on sweeps sold during the quarter, which will be forwarded to you as soon as received at this office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. B. H. Bristow — June 7th 1876.
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will cause a transfer to be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at New York, to that of the U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, of thirty two thousand eight hundred and forty one $\frac{45}{100}$ dollars [$32,841.45] payable in 28,792.51 z. fine silver bars.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq. — June 7th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint, Carson.

Sir:

I will thank you to forward to this Office by mail, sample of the coin bags in use at your Mint, and the cost of the same.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman. Director

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Hon. S. J. Randall
Chairman Committee on Appropriations.

June 7th 1876.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find a letter from Mr. Jacob B. Eckfeldt Assistant Assayer of the Mint at Philadelphia, calling my attention to the discrepancy between the salary allowed the Assistant Assayer in Philadelphia and the same position at the Assay Office at New York, the latter receiving $400. more than the Assistant Assayer at Phila.

The incumbent of the Office in Philadelphia, Mr. J. B. Eckfeldt, is one of the very best men in the Mint service, and fills a very responsible position in the most satisfactory manner. His compensation should be put upon an equality with the Assayer's first Assistant at New York.

When the Legislative bill goes to a Conference Committee of the two Houses, I shall be very much obliged if you will have this matter duly considered.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon
1st Auditor.

June 7th 1876.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary Expense a/c of the Supt. of the U.S. Mint at New Orleans, for the month of May, 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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J. V. L. Schirmer, Esq. June 7th 1876.
Assayer in Charge, Mint
Denver.

Sir:

Your letter of the 2d inst. transmitting the following Statements for May, have been received:

Bars manufactured.
Gold and Silver deposits.
Gold and Silver bullion received
Gold and Silver of domestic production.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. V. L. Schirmer, Esq. June 7th 1876.
Assayer U. S. Mint
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Your account of Ordinary Expenses for the month of May 1876, has been received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. L. Acton, Esq. June 7th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

Your account of Ordinary Expenses for the month of May 1876, has been received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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J. C. Acton, Esq.

June 7th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 6th inst. I have to state that our contract with the Nevada Bank was to pay for the "gold contained" at its "coining value", therefore no charge will be made for alloy on the present purchase, but on further contracts we may make, a charge for alloy will be made.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

June 7th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your letter of the 6th inst, enclosing the oath of Office of Miss. Blanche Carroll, as Adjuster in the Coiner's Dept. of your Institution has been received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

June 7th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadª

Sir:

Your letter of the 6th inst, forwarding statement of 200467.53 ozs. Silver bullion received from the Bank of California, has been received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman. Director.

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Dr. R. E. Rogers. June 7th 1876.
1004 Walnut St. Phila.

Private.

Sir:

I think there is good reason to apprehend that for some time past, until very recently, the examination of separate pieces of coin by the Superintendent or a suitable representative at the time of delivery by the Coiner to the former, was almost entirely neglected.

The law requires that when the Coiner has a delivery ready, the Supt. shall satisfy himself that the coins are within the legal limits, by weighing a number of pieces separately.

This examination although intended by the law to be a security as to the weight, if properly made, would have detected the defectively executed silver coins.

At one time during my last visit there, I found a young man named Berdan, who had only been a day or two in the Mint, and who was entirely ignorant of Coinage matters, taking the pyx pieces. I immediately called the attention of the Supt. to the matter and informed him that the law required both the Supt. and the Assayer, or their representatives respectively, to be present at the delivery, and the Supt. or his representative to make a trial of a number of pieces separately.

Before any suspicion is excited as to the scope of your investigation, you will please ascertain by inquiries of the Supt. and Assayer separately, and afterwards of the Coiner, as to whether the law in relation to the weighing of separate pieces

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at the time of delivery was uniformly complied with.

You will find out who represented the Supt. and Assayer on the occassions referred to, and ascertain whether they were suitable persons to attend to such a delicate duty.

It is of vital importance that we should be informed about these matters in order that prompt and effectual measures may be taken to provide against neglect of duty and disregard of the law and regulations in the future.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint June 7th 1876.
San Francisco

As a precautionary measure you should make thorough trials of weight of gold coins at time of delivery by testing a number of individual pieces.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint, June 7th 1876.
San Francisco.

When have you decided to close for the Annual Settlement. State approximately the amount of Silver coin you will manufacture before closing. Answer.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Bluford Wilson — June 5th. 1876.

Solicitor Treasury Dept.

Sir:

Acknowledging your reference to this Office of a communication from Mr. S. D. Mills, Special Agent, relative to the conduct of the Superintendent of the San Francisco Mint, and the affairs of that Institution, I have to inform you, that Prof. R. E. Rogers of Philadelphia has been instructed in connection with other duties to carefully examine these charges.

A copy of so much of his instructions as relates to the charges replied by Mr. Mills is herewith enclosed.

I respectfully suggest that Mr. Mills be instructed to call upon Prof Rogers, who may be expected to arrive in San Francisco on, or about the 17th. inst, and give him such information, in relation to the charges as may be in his possession, and specify the particular acts of misconduct &c.

The charges made by J. P. Cochran, formerly Melter & Refiner, refer it is supposed to transactions which occurred under the old Mint law, and when operations were conducted in the old Mint edifice in Commercial St. They were fully and fairly investigated in 1873, by Hon. Jas. Pollock, Supt. of the Philadelphia Mint, and were not sustained. I do not think that any good would result from another examination of these charges. If Mr. Cochran's charges refer to any transactions which have occurred since the examination referred to, they should, and will receive most careful and thorough

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investigation.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Messrs. Hummel & Meng — June 7th 1876.
Philadelphia.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of the 6th inst, I have to state that we have an ample supply of dippers and stirrers on hand, at both the San Francisco and Carson Mints.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

An order for Refining Pots was sent yesterday to Mr. Remmey. L.

M. F. Bonzano Esq. — June 7th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the Accounting Officers of the Department for adjustment, your Ordinary Expense ⅌ for the month of May 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

C. H. LaGrange Esq. — June 7th 1876.
Supt. Mint, San Francisco.

Sir:

I will thank you to forward to this office by mail sample of the coin bags used at your Mint, and the cost thereof.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman — Director.

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Hon. S. S. Cox June 8th, 1876.
Chairman Com. on Banking & Currency.
House of Representatives.

Sir:

I received, at 2 P.M. your note of yesterday enclosing bill H.R. 3398, for the issue of coin and other purposes, and requesting my opinion thereon, and especially in relation to the Trade Dollar Clause.

The general provisions of the bill appear to provide for the most convenient mode of issuing silver coin additional to that which is to be exchanged for fractional currency.

The section relating to the Trade Dollar is necessary if its coinage on private account is to be continued, and principally for the reason that under existing laws and the reduced value of silver bullion, a seigniorage or gain arises in its coinage, which is realized by the depositor instead of accruing to the Government.

The section, if passed as it now stands, will prevent any person from being compelled to receive this coin at its nominal value, and the provision placing its coinage under the control of the Secretary of the Treasury, will enable that officer to restrict the amount of its coinage to the actual requirements of the export trade.

In this connection I take the liberty of suggesting that it would be better to coin the Trade Dollar exclusively on Government Account in the mode proposed, and with the powers and

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functions which a bill now pending in the Senate confers upon a new dollar of the weight of 412½ grains of standard silver, instead of issuing two silver dollars so near alike in value.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock — June 8th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 6th inst. transmitting Statements of Bullion operations in the Melter and Refiner's Dept., for the month of May, 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock — June 8th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

The Bronze copies of the Life Saving Medals forwarded by you on the 7th inst. have been received. The bill and vouchers for the same have been referred to the Secretary of the Treasury for receipt and payment.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Messrs. J. S. & A. B. Wyon, June 8th. 1876.
287 Regent St. London.

Gentlemen:

We have in contemplation the revision of the designs upon the obverse of the Silver Coinage of this Country, and with the view of having the best devices, and the best executed Dies which can be obtained, we take the liberty of addressing you upon the subject. My present intention is to dispense with the present sitting figure of Liberty, and substitute therefor, a classic Head of Liberty.

Before deciding upon this Head, I desire to have designs submitted by the leading Artists of our own and other Countries, and as you stand at the head of your profession, it would be exceedingly gratifying if you would enter into this matter, and transmit such designs as you may think would meet our requirements.

To gentlemen of your experience and skill, no suggestions as to the character of the Head need be made, except that our law requires the word "Liberty" on the figure, and which has hitherto been placed upon a fillet on the head, which you can see upon our $20. piece, and also, that we wish the Head to be as simple in design as possible.

In this connection, I would like to ascertain from you, whether in case your design, or some other be adopted, you will take upon yourself the delicate task of modelling the same, have it reduced upon your Engraving Machine, and transmit completed hubs therefrom,

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from which we can reproduce Dies.

The difficulty that we experience in Coining Dies, is in obtaining an apparent relief, which will give a perfect impression of the design, with a low actual relief upon the coin. I am aware that this requires the highest skill in your profession, and as you have met and overcome it with as much, if not more success than any of your contemporaries, I am anxious to avail myself of your skill in the important change we contemplate making.

If you find it consistant with your duties and inclination to enter upon this task, you would oblige by transmitting designs as early as may be practicable, as it is proposed to make this change with as little delay as possible.

I will thank you to transmit with the design a statement of the probable cost, first as to the single hub of the half dollar, and second of the half and quarter dollars and dime.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Hon. S. S. Cox, N. Y. June 8th. 1876.

Your note of yesterday not received until two o'clock this afternoon, too late for reply to reach you, will send it in time to reach you this evening.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow June 8th 1876.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith certificate of the Supt. of the Mint of the U. S. at San Francisco of the delivery by the Nevada Bank of San Francisco, of three hundred thousand seven hundred and fifty $\frac{35}{100}$ ounces fine silver, on account of purchase of three hundred thousand ounces April 19th 1876, at 1.17 per ounce fine.

I also enclose the certificate of the Supt. of the Mint of the U. S. at Carson, Nev, of the delivery by the Nevada Bank of San Francisco of one hundred and ninety-nine thousand six hundred and seventy four $\frac{8}{100}$ ounces fine silver, on account of purchase made April 19th 1876 at 1.17 per ounce.

As to the mode of payment for this silver, I respectfully refer you to my letter under date of the 25th ult.

Very respectfully

H. R. Sinderman

Director.

Hon. B. H. Bristow June 8th 1876.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith a certified copy of a Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the Nevada Bank of San Francisco, authorizing the Bonds which said Bank is to receive in payment for two millions ounces fine silver, sold to the U. S. April 19th 1876, to be registered in the name of John W.

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Mackay, of Virginia, Nevada, and to be delivered to Messrs. Eugene Kelly & Co., of New York.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint June 8th 1876.
San Francisco.

It is the duty of the Superintendent to satisfy himself that the coins constituting the delivery are within the legal limits of the standard weight. The weighing of two pieces from each draft does not seem sufficient for this purpose.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint June 8th 1876.
San Francisco.

Will explain transfer of Silver profits by mail.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

M. G. Benzano, Esq. June 8th 1876.
Supt. Mint, New Orleans.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 5th inst. you are hereby authorized to purchase the articles enumerated at the lowest market rates, and repair the boiler and coal sheds.

I do not think it expedient to authorize the relaying of the pavement on Grant Levee St., at present.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman. Director.

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Thos. C. Acton, Esq. June 8th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office.
New York.

Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 6th inst, the Secretary of the Treasury has been requested to cause the transfer of $32,841.45 (payable in 28,792.51 ozs fine silver), from the bullion fund of your Office to that of the Mint of the U. S. at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

N. K. Masten Esq. June 8th 1876.

Cashier &c. Nevada Bank
San Francisco.

Sir:

Your letter of the 31st ult. enclosing certified copies of a Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of your Bank, authorizing the issue in the name of John W. Mackay of the Bonds issued in payment for silver delivered at the Mints of the U. S. at Philad., San Francisco and Carson, has been received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegrams. Henry Mitchell June 8th 1876.

5 Tremont St. Boston.

My office is in Treasury Department, Washington.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Edward D. Adams Esq. June 8th. 1876.

Box 5282,

Boston, Mass.

Sir:

I send you by mail this day a copy of my last annual Report, as requested in your letter of the 6th. inst.

I regret my inability to send you my Report for the year 1874, as the supply has been quite exhausted for several months past.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. C. W. Freemantle June 8th. 1876.

Deputy Master, Royal Mint

London.

Sir:

I beg the privilege of transmitting through you the enclosed open letter to the Messrs. J. S. & A. B. Wyon, which will explain itself. Your kind co-operation in this business will confer a favor on yours,

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint, June 9th. 1876.

San Francisco.

It is important that the silver coins should be tested at the time of delivery in the same manner as the gold coins.

H. R. Linderman

Director Mint.

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Monsieur Ruau

Director of the Mint
Paris.

June 9th 1876.

Sir:

My attention has been directed to the Automatic Balance for weighing and assorting coin or blanks, said to be in use in the Institution under your charge, desiring to purchase for the use of the United States Mints, one or more of the most approved of these machines, I write to ask your experience in their use, and whether you have tested more than one invention, and if so, what has been the result of your experiments.

I shall be greatly obliged if you will send me full information upon the subject, also such printed documents and photographic illustrations as you may be able conveniently to procure.

It will be quite important for us to be informed as to the capacity of these machines, that is to say, how many different denominations can be tested at the same time, and what is the capacity of the machine for each denomination per hour.

Thanking you in advance for your kind and early attention to my request,

I have the honor to be
Your obedient Servant
H. R. Linderman
Director

Similar letter addressed to — — —

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Monsieur J. Alland
Director of the Mint
Brussels.

Director of the
Mint
Berlin.

Director of the
Imperial Mint
Vienna.

Albert Wolters, Esq.
Assayer in Chg. U. S. Assay Office
Boise, Idaho.

June 9th 1876.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your office during the current month has been approved for the sum of six hundred and eight $\frac{54}{100}$ dollars from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries	1876	$412.00
Wages of Workmen	"	123.60
Contingent Expenses	"	72.94

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

A. Wolters, Esq.
Assayer U. S. Assay Office
Boise.

June 9th 1876.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 31st ult, transmitting Statements of Bullion Operations during the month of May, 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Henry Mitchell, Esq.
5 Tremont St. Boston.

June 9th, 1876.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 8th inst. enclosing several sketches of designs for the silver coins of the United States. I am very much pleased with these drawings, and glad to learn that you will make others and forward to me.

The Head for the Twenty-Five Cent piece, I consider very excellent, I should like to have you lend me designs for a similar Head of Liberty for the proposed new Silver Dollar.

The inscription "United States of America" should be on the reverse of the coin.

I think we shall suspend the coinage of the twenty-cent piece.

I prefer simple branches of olive crossed and enclosing a space for the denomination 50 cents, 25 cents, 10 cents. Please try if you can carry out this idea in the sketches which you may be preparing, and leave room for the inscription "United States of America" around the coin. The motto "In God we trust" will be omitted from coins of less denomination than the dollar.

I have mentioned you to Centennial Commissioner McCormick, as probably the best artist in this country to prepare designs, as well as execute the dies for the medal to be presented to exhibitors. He will address you on the subject by tonight's mail.

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You will pardon me for suggesting the following in relation to this medal.

On the obverse, I should have a female figure representing "America" holding in her hand a parchment on which "Centennial Exhibition" should be inscribed, - the figure to be surrounded by implements of husbandry, manufactures, mechanism, art and science, appropriately arranged.

On the reverse, I should have a wreath surrounding sufficient space for a terse inscription, and which should be struck on the medal, and not engraved.

These suggestions may aid you somewhat, but you will no doubt be able to give Mr. McCormick something very much better.

Thanking you for your promptness in attending to my request,

I remain,

Yours very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philad^a

June 9th 1876.

Sir:

In compliance with your request I return herewith the bill of Robert V. Moffatt, for bronzing 1000 Mexican Badges.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. C. W. Fremantle, June 8th 1876.
Royal Mint, London.

Dear Sir:

I have in contemplation the purchase of an Automatic Weighing Machine for the purpose of testing its accuracy and usefulness in our Minting Establishments.

It is important that the most approved machine should be procured for this purpose. Desiring information, I write to ascertain what has been your experience on the subject.

I have before me a photograph of the Napier Machine, also one used in Vienna. Do you use either of these Machines, or what machine do you use? I shall be guided mainly by your recommendation in this matter.

It is presumable that the latest invention would be an improvement on its predecessors, but this is not always the case.

In giving your views, I would be glad if you would state the capacity of these machines in number of pieces, say per hour, and their adaptability for use in various denominations of coin.

You will also oblige me by giving the cost of the various machines respectively.

I take this opportunity to acknowledge your favor of a recent date in relation to the condition of the joint Resolution for a Convention with Great Britain, on the subject of a

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common money unit, and to state that the same passed the Senate yesterday.

It has yet to be acted on by the House of Representatives and the Executive. It is probable that it will become a law during the present session.

Very respectfully yrs.
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Messrs. Eugene Kelly & Co. June 9th 1876.
Bankers, New York.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of the 8th inst, I take pleasure in informing you that a certified copy of a resolution adopted by the Nevada Bank of San Francisco, authorizing the Bonds to be issued in payment for Silver sold to the U. S. to be registered in the name of John W. Mackay, has been received, and that the Bonds for the first installment of Silver delivered at the Philadelphia Mint, will be forwarded you today; and for that delivered at the San Francisco and Carson Mints, in the course of a few days.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Messrs. J. S. & A. B. Wyon, June 9th 1876.
287 Regent St. London.

Gentlemen:

The Coiner of the Mint at Philadᵃ. has directed attention to the admirable bronzing upon the "Shah of Persia" medal, which you were good enough to send me sometime since; and requests that I communicate with you in relation to the process, by which such results are obtained.

At the Philadᵃ. Mint, the manufacture of Bronze Medals has largely increased within a few years, and it is of importance, that the very best known process for bronzing be adopted for our use. With this object in view, I write to ascertain, whether you strike and finish your own Medals, and if so, whether you would be willing to furnish us your process of bronzing, to be used only in connection with the work done at the Mint at Philadelphia.

If this be agreeable to you, please be kind enough to indicate the same, and name the expense that may attend the furnishing of it.

I would also like you to give me information as to whether after your finished Medal has been reduced upon the "Hill Machine" you dress it up by hand, before making the hub therefrom, or whether the Machine is allowed to do the whole work from the Electrotyped Model. This information is desired in connection with the

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use of the same Machine at the Philad^a. Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. B. H. Bristow
Secretary of the Treasury.

June 9th 1876.

Sir:

Inviting your attention to the enclosed copy of a letter from the Supt. of the Mint of the U. S. at San Francisco, under date of the 29th ult., I have the honor to inform you that the Mint will close for the Annual Settlement on tomorrow the 10th inst, and which settlement it is expected will be completed by the first week in July, and that it will be necessary to temporarily increase the Bullion Fund $1,500.000. by a transfer of that amount in gold coin.

I respectfully recommend that a transfer of $500.000. be made immediately by telegraph from the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at San Francisco, and that $1.000.000. be transferred by mail as early as practicable.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock

June 9th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

A question having arisen respecting the standard currency of Ecuador, the U. S. Consul at Guayaquil has transmitted to the Secretary of the Treasury through the Department of State, a translation of a communication in reference thereto, and also four samples of Ecuadorian Coins.

I enclose herewith the communication referred to, and forward the coins by today's mail, and will thank you to have assays made of the same, and a report of the result of assay transmitted to this Office.

You will please return the enclosed papers with your report.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

June 9th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your letter of the 8th inst. enclosing transcript belonging to your a/c of Ordinary Expenses, has been received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

June 9th 1876.

Sir:

The bills of your Mint, and William Holzer, for Vase, and pipettes, furnished the Mint of the U. S. at Carson, have been approved and referred to the accounting Officers, for settlement.

The amount ($17.) due your Mint will be carried by Counter Warrant to the credit of your appropriation for Contingent Expenses, for the current fiscal year, and subject to your requisition.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Jas. Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson.

June 9th 1876.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your Mint during the current month has been approved, for the sum of four thousand three hundred and thirty-three 78/100 dollars, from the following appropriations viz:

Salaries	1876	$2.050.00
Wages of Workmen	"	1.000.00
Contingent Expenses	"	1.283.78

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Crawford
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson.

June 9th 1876.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 31st ult, in which you reply to the charge made by the Assistant Treasurer at New York of a want of uniformity in weight of your gold coins, "that no gold coins of any denomination have ever been shipped by your Mint to the Assistant Treasurer at New York.

Whilst this is undoubtedly true as regards direct shipment of coin, it is no less true that gold coins of your coinage find their way in the ordinary course of business into the Assistant Treasury, and an opportunity is then afforded for comparison with coins from the Mint at Philadelphia obtained in a similar manner.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Jas. Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson.

June 9th 1876.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for your information, duplicate bill of Wm. Holzer, and the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, for Pipettes and Vase, furnished your Mint, the original of which have been referred to the accounting Officers for settlement, payment to be made from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of the U. S. Mint at

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Carson, for the current fiscal year.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. La Grange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

June 9. 1876.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 29th ult, I have to inform you that the Secretary of the Treasury has this day been requested to cause the bullion fund of your Mint to be increased by a transfer of $1.500.000. in gold coin, and that of this sum, the transfer of $500.000. be made by telegraph, and $1.000.000. by mail, as early as practicable.

The Treasurer of the U. S. will take the necessary steps to supply the Assist. Treasurer, in your city, with coin to pay transfer drafts.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Messrs. Morgan & Orr,
Philadelphia.

June 9. 1876.

Gentlemen:

It is highly important that the tile for the Annealing Furnaces of the San Francisco Mint, should be shipped so as to reach there by the 1st prox., I will thank you to inform me when the same will be shipped.

I will also thank you to inform this Office when the Steel Rolls, ordered

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sometime since for the Carson Mint, will be shipped by you.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock — June 10th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your letter of yesterday enclosing, in duplicate, certificate for the delivery by the Nevada Bank of San Francisco, at your Mint of 369,709.73/100 ounces fine silver, on account of purchase made April 19th 1876, has been received.

In reference to the $404.12 on the previous lot remaining in your hands, and not covered by transfer to your bullion fund, you are informed, that any fractional part of $1.000. will be transferred after the full amount of purchase has been delivered by the Bank.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock — June 10th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint, Phila.

Sir:

In answer to your letter of yesterday, I have to inform you that your requisitions have been made "Special" and Drafts will be forwarded to you in a day or so.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. Mint,
Philadelphia.

June 10th 1876.

Sir:

Your letter of the 9th inst, enclosing, in duplicate, Bills of Messrs. Jos. Oat & Sons, for sheet copper furnished for Counting Boards for the Treasurer U. S. and the Asst. Treasurer at Philadelphia, has been received, and the Bills referred to the Secretary of the Treasury for payment.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

June 10th 1876.

Sir:

While the Coiner, Mr. Snowden, was here, we had some discussion on automatic machines for testing the weight of blanks and coins.

The enclosed photographs and papers descriptive of the invention have been found since Mr. Snowden left.

Please have him examine and return the same, together with such suggestions as he may deem proper to make.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. La Grange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

June 10th 1876.

Sir,

Referring to your telegram of the 8th inst, stating that you do not understand the letter of the Treasurer of the U. S. transferring $100.000. of Silver Profits, I have to state, that being apprehensive that you would be depleted of silver coin by the payment of transfer drafts, before the Annual Settlement, and would not have a sufficient amount at the close thereof to deposit the profits for the six months ending June 30th 1876, and the further fact, that the Treasury is in need of silver coin at San Francisco, it was suggested by this office to the Treasurer that he issue a certificate of deposit covering $100.000. in Subsidiary silver coin into the Treasury, on account of Profits on the Coinage of Silver at your Mint; and at the sametime transfer the amount to the credit of your bullion fund, thus placing it subject to his transfer orders, the same as all other moneys composing that fund.

In your accounts you will debit your Silver Profit Fund with $100.000. as deposited to the credit of the Treasurer of the U. S., and credit your bullion fund with the same amount as received from the Treasurer of the U. S. in silver coin.

This transfer is made in the same manner as the transfer of profits referred to in the letter of this

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Office under date of February 23d. 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq. June 10th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 2d inst, transmitting the Oath of Office of Mrs. M. B. Horton, appointed as an Adjuster in the Coiner's Dept. of your Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq. June 10th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

Your Bullion A/cs for the quarter ending March 31st 1876, have been received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint June 10th 1876.
San Francisco.

Ship such Dimes as have been assorted and found fit for issue on account of old transfer orders. It is important that you ship on account of these orders as rapidly as practicable quarters and halves.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Treasury. Superintendent Mint June 10th 1876.
San Francisco.

Bullion Fund will be increased one and a half millions, five hundred thousand by telegraph, balance by mail. Important that you commence coinage of subsidiary silver first week in July.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Treasury. Superintendent Mint June 10th 1876.
San Francisco.

One hundred dollars of the Cincinnati half dollars sent here at my request show no defect except that they do not pile evenly. Dies must have been sunk a little.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Jas. Crawford, Esq. June 10th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to issue his Warrant on the Treasurer of the United States in your favor, for the sum of fifteen thousand dollars ($15.000.) on account of the manufacture of Subsidiary Silver coin during the current month.

I cannot understand why you ask for $13.000. for wages of Workmen from this fund, when your pay-rolls combined do not exceed $10.500. and for $7.000. for Contingent Expenses in addition to the amount advanced you from the regular appropriations

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for the support of your Mint; I have therefore reduced the amount of your requisition from $20,000. to $15.000. that is $10.000. for Wages of Workmen, and $5.000. for Contingent Expenses.

Your attention is called to the letter of this Office under date of the 6th ult.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford Esq. June 10th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson.

Sir:

Your bullion account for the quarter ending March 31st 1876, have been received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint, June 10th 1876.
Carson Nevada.

When do you close for settlement. State approximately amount of Subsidiary Silver coin you will make this month. Important that you make all you can.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint June 10th 1876.
Carson, Nevada.

Complete settlement on June thirtieth and commence coining Subsidiary Silver soon thereafter as possible.

H. R. Linderman - Director.

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Nathan Trotter & Co. June 10th 1876.

Philadelphia.

Gentlemen:

You will please ship as early as practicable at through freight rates to the Mint of the U. S. at San Francisco, twenty (20) tons pure Lehigh Zinc, providing you are willing to furnish the same at a price not exceeding 10½ cents per pound, and on the terms of payment as stated in my letter of the 27th ult.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

P. S. You will please advise this Office when shipment is made. H. R. L.

B. H. Bristow, Esq. June 10th 1876.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith in duplicate the certificate of the Supt. of the Mint of the U. S. at Philadelphia, of the delivery by the Nevada Bank of San Francisco of three hundred and sixty nine thousand seven hundred and nine 73/100 oz. fine silver on account of purchase of 1.500.000. made April 19th & 21st.

As to the mode of payment of this silver, I respectfully refer you to my letter under date of the 25th ult.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegr.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow, June 10th 1876.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will issue your Warrant on the Treasurer of the U. S. in favor of James Crawford, Supt. of the U. S. Mint at Carson, for the sum of fifteen thousand dollars ($15.000.) on account of the "coinage of Silver for the redemption of fractional currency, during the current month, as provided in "An Act to provide for the resumption of specie payments", approved January 14 1875.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Albert Walters, Esq. June 10th 1876.

Assayer &c. U. S. Assay Office

Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Your a/c of Ordinary Expenses for the month of May 1876, has been received.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram. R. E. Rogers June 10th 1876.

1004 Walnut St.

Phila.

Tell Mr. Snowden to advance Downing the amount individually. I will see that it is paid.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Telegram. A. L. Snowden June 10th 1876.

Mint Philadelphia.

Advance Downing one hundred and thirty dollars individually I will see it paid.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

D. W. Mahon, Esq. June 10th 1876.

1st Auditor.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for settlement the Ordinary Expense a/c of Thos. L. Acton, Supt. of the U. S. Assay Office at New York, for the month of May, 1876.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

D. W. Mahon, Esq. June 10th 1876.

1st Auditor

Sir:

I transmit herewith for settlement the Ordinary Expense a/c of J. E. L. Schirmer Assayer in charge of the U. S. Mint at Denver Col., for the month of May, 1876.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

D. W. Mahon, Esq. June 10th 1876.

1st Auditor.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for settlement the Ordinary Expense a/c of A. Wolters, Esq. Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho for the month of May 1876.

Very respectfully H. R. Linderman Director

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Hon. Samuel J. Randall — June 12th 1876.

Chairman Com. on Appropriations.
House of Representatives.

Sir:

In my conversation with you this morning I expressed the opinion that the appropriations for the support of the Mints contained in the Legislative Appropriation Bill, as passed by the Senate would probably be sufficient;- upon a more thorough examination of the subject, I am of the opinion that the item for Incidental Expenses of the Philadelphia Mint will have to be increased from $85.000. to $125.000; and for the San Francisco Mint from $86.000. to $100.000.

I enclose herewith for your information, copy of a letter to the Chairman of the Senate Appropriation Committee on this subject.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Messrs. Morgan & Orr — June 12th 1876.

1219 Cattenhill St. Phil.

Gentlemen:

I would like you to call at the Mint in your City and examine the Segment Collar, imported from Brussels, and inform me whether you would undertake to construct a press with a Segment Collar for striking, say, five dollar gold pieces, with the motto, "In God we trust" in raised letters around the periphery of the coin, and what would be the cost of such a press complete?

Very respectfully H. R. Linderman. Director

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.

June 13th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

In view of the recently defectively finished Silver Coinage at your Mint, I have decided to send Mr. A. W. Downing, Foreman of the Coining Room of the Philadelphia Mint, to examine the operations of your Coining Dept. in detail, as well as to ascertain whether your workmen possess the requisite skill for the proper discharge of their duties.

Mr. Downing will discharge these duties under the direction of Prof. Rogers. It is highly desirable that there should be uniformity in the operations of Coining at all the Mints.

You will please afford Mr. Downing the fullest opportunity and every necessary facility for performing the duties assigned him, and you will take particular pains to impress upon the coiner and his workmen, that there should be no feeling of jealousy on their part, and that it is their duty to endeavor to profit by Mr. Downings experience and explanations.

I am well satisfied after extensive observations, that there are some matters of workmanship in coining the precious metals that can be better transmitted by one expert to another than by any written instructions, or from standard books.

Mr. Downing when at the Mint, is scarcely ever out of the Coining Room,

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and is constantly passing from one Press to another, and to the milling machine and counting tables, carefully observing the manner in which the presses are fed, and the appearance of the resulting coin, and the moment the least defect is observed, the dies are examined with a view to its immediate correction, and I may here express the opinion, that the coinage should at no time proceed at your Mint without a similar supervision and inspection by a properly qualified person.

I sincerely trust that you will faithfully endeavor to have your Coining Dept., and Machine Shop receive all possible benefit from Mr. Downing's experience and skill.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to
James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson. Nev.

Jas. Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson.

June 12th 1876.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 5th inst, enclosing the oaths of Office of Homer A. Billings, and Simeon P. Osgood, appointed as Helpers in the Coining Dept. of your Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow

June 12th 1876.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is my purpose to have prepared for your approval, some new designs for the coinage, which contemplate improvements in their artistic appearance, as well as to enable the impression to be more readily brought up in striking.

In order that the artists who may be engaged to do this work may be less restricted in arranging the devices and inscriptions than they are under the provisions of existing laws, I have prepared a draft of a short bill containing the necessary provision which I respectfully request be transmitted to the Finance Committee of the Senate, with any recommendations which you may deem proper.

The Bill contains a section discontinuing the coinage of the Three Dollar gold and Twenty Cent silverpieces.

The former has never been a popular coin, and the latter is so near alike in size to the quarter dollar that notwithstanding it has a smooth instead of a reeded edge, and the devices on the reverse are different, it appears to be frequently taken as a quarter dollar. It would therefore appear that there should be no further coinage of these pieces.

Very respectfully

A. R. Linderman

Director.

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An Act prescribing the Devices and Inscriptions upon the Coins of the United States.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

Sec. 1. That upon the gold and silver coins of the United States there shall be the following devices and inscriptions:

Upon the obverse of the coins there shall be an impression emblematic of Liberty, with an inscription of the word "Liberty", and the year of the coinage.

Upon the reverse of the gold coins, except the gold dollar, and upon the Trade Dollar, there shall be a representation of an Eagle, with the inscription "United States of America, and the denomination of the coins.

Upon the reverse of the gold dollar and the silver coins, except the Trade Dollar, there shall be a wreath and the inscriptions "United States of America", and the denomination of the coins; and the Director of the Mint with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury may cause the motto "In God we trust" to be inscribed upon such of the coins as shall admit of this motto.

Sec. 2. That the three dollar gold piece, and twenty cent silver piece shall not hereafter be coined.

Sec. 3. That the devices on the minor coins shall consist of such emblems and inscriptions as are proper to the Republic of the United States, but plainly

over

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distinct from those on the gold and silver coins, and each minor coin shall express its proper date and value.
Sec. 4. That all acts or parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act, be, and are hereby repealed.

Gen. O. H. La Grange — June 12th 1876.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

Dear Sir:

This will be handed you by Mr. H. Richter, Mining Engineer from Prussia, who is about visiting the Mines on the Pacific Coast.

I bespeak for him any attentions and courtesies which you may be able to bestow.

Yours very truly
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to
Jas. Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson.

Col. Jas. G. Fair
Virginia City
Nevada.

Hon. Jas. Pollock — June 12th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 10th inst, in relation to the proposed changes in the devices on the Silver Coinage, and enclosing communications from the Operative Officers of your Mint, expressive of their views upon the same subject.

Please accept my thanks for the

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pains taken to comply with my request. I am glad to find that we are all pretty well agreed upon the modifications proposed to be made, there being no substantial difference of opinion except upon one or two points.

Whatever may be our opinion as to the placing of mottoes on the coinage, the law requiring that of "E Pluribus Unum" is mandatory, and unless some modifying legislation can be procured during the present Session of Congress, it will be my duty to direct that motto to be placed on all the gold and silver coins which are of a sufficient size to permit it to be inscribed. Of course I shall not object to placing the motto "In God we trust" upon such of the coins as will admit of it.

It is not intended to make any changes in the present devices of the Trade Dollar, as it might injure its credit with the Chinese who are averse to any innovations.

My idea in considering the question of importing one or two Automatic Weighing Machines was for the purpose of weighing the subsidiary silver coins which are not adjusted by hand, and without such weighing we cannot be free from the danger of occasionally issuing pieces out of the legal tolerance as to weight.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman.
Director.

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Jas. Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson.

June 12th 1876.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 3d inst, transmitting a Statement of the weight of the defective Dimes returned by the Assist. Treasurer at New York.

Whilst these dimes were returned on account of defective execution caused by a want of skill and careful attention on the part of the employés in feeding the presses, yet the fact that eight pieces of the forty were outside of the legal tolerance of weight, being from two grains to nine and a half grains light, shows a want of skill or gross carelessness in drawing and cutting the strips.

I consider it to be but my duty to again urge upon you the importance and necessity for the requisite degree of watchfulness on the part of the Superintendent and the Operative Officers, which will prevent the issuing in future of such disgraceful coins.

The letter not having been signed, is returned for signature.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Lot M. Morrill

June 12th 1876.

Chairman Com. on Appropriations
Senate, U. S.

Sir:

In my letter under date of the 8th ult. to the Secretary of the Treasury in relation to the appropriations for the Mint service for the next fiscal year, I stated that $125.000. would be required for incidental expenses at the Philadelphia Mint, and $100.000. under the same head for the San Francisco Mint.

The Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriation Bill as passed by the Senate appropriates $85.000. for incidental expenses at the Philadelphia Mint, and $86.000. for the San Francisco Mint.

In order to meet the requirements of the service, it is necessary that the amounts asked for in my letter above referred to, should be appropriated.

It is proper to add that all expenses of the Mints except Salaries of Officers and Wages of Workmen are paid for from the appropriation for Incidental Expenses, among the principal items of which are Crucibles, Fuel, Chemicals, Copper for alloy, Stationery, Gloves, and repairs.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Baron Thielmann — June 12th 1876.

734 15th St.
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

In compliance with your request I herewith transmit for Mr. H. Richter, letters of introduction to Col. Grair and the Superintendents of the Western Mints.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Henry Troemner — June 12th 1876.

710 Market St.
Philadª

When will Balance for San Francisco be shipped. Should be forwarded as soon as practicable.

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H. R. Linderman
Director.

Messrs. Morgan & Co.: — June 13th 1876.

Philadelphia

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 12th inst. enclosing in duplicate your bill for Tile, shipped the Mint of the U. S. at San Francisco, has been received.

Your account has been approved and referred to the Accounting Officers for settlement, and in due course of business, a draft for the amount will be transmitted you.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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D. O. Mills, Esq.

June 13th, 1876.

Presidt Bank of California
San Francisco.

Sir:

I will thank you to advise me by telegraph of the probable amount of Trade Dollars which will be required for the China and Japan trade per month during July, August, and September.

We are desirous of coining a sufficient amount to supply the actual demand for the trade, but not in excess thereof.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to

Louis McLane, Esq.
Presid't Nevada Bank
San Francisco.

F. F. Low Esq.
Pres.t Cal.a Bank
San Francisco.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

June 13th, 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for the information of your Assayer, a translation of a letter received from the Director of the Mint at Brussels, relative to assays made of United States gold coin by the Belgian Mint.

After examination by the Assayer of these papers, I will thank you to return them to this Office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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C. W. Freemantle, Esq. June 15th 1876.

Dear Sir:

I acknowledge the receipt of your very valuable Report for 1875, which I find full of interesting information relative to coinage, money standards &c.

I fear that I am trespassing entirely too much on your time and kindness, but I must ask another favor. Could you find us a first class Die-Sinker, who would be willing to take the position of Assistant Engraver at the Mint at Philadelphia. We would like a man who could produce a finished Hub, and if he understood modeling, and also bronzing, it would make him more valuable to us. We could pay about $8.- per day to a person of proper qualifications. If you know of such a one who would be likely to answer our purpose, I will be glad if you will place me in communication with him.

The engraving of coinage and medal dies has not been brought to much perfection in this country. In England it appears to have reached a standard equal if not superior to that of any other country.

Are we not to have the pleasure of your presence in the United States during the present year? I hope so. If you come, we shall do all in our power to make your visit pleasant.

I also hope we shall be able to bring about a Monetary Conference between our respective Countries at an early day. I do not like the looks of

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the silver question. A consultation on the subject by the principal Commercial Nations is certainly very desirable.

If we could induce China to adopt a coinage system it would be one of the most effective measures for restoring in some degree the relative value between gold and silver, which within a year or two has so long prevailed.

A monetary Conference between Great Britain and the United States would afford an opportunity for a full consideration and discussion of this, and other important questions.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Jas. Crawford Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Boston.

June 13th 1876.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 3rd inst. transmitting forty Dimes, in place of the defective pieces returned to you.

These coins present a creditable appearance, being quite equal in execution and finish to those uniformly issued from the Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Telegram. Superintendent Mint June 13th 1876.
Carson, Nevada.

Deposit immediately with the Assistant Treasurer at San Francisco twenty-five thousand dollars in subsidiary silver coin on account of profits on silver coinage. One half in quarters and one half in Dimes.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. La Grange, Esq. June 13th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I transmit for your information duplicate bill and bill lading for 24 Boxes tile shipped you on the 9th inst, by Messrs. Morgan & Orr, whose account I have approved and referred to the accounting Officers for settlement & payment to be made from the appropriation for Coinage of Silver for the redemption of fractional currency.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. La Grange, Esq. June 13th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

The oath of Office of Miss Lizzie H. Evans, appointed as an Adjuster in the Coiners Dept. of your Mint, has been received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

June 13th, 1876.

Sir:

I am informed by Mr. Groesmner that the four first Balance, ordered sometime since for your Mint, will be ready for shipment about the 1st prox.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

June 13th, 1876.

Sir:

Your Es of Ordinary Expenses, and expenses for the manufacture of subsidiary silver coins for the month of May 1876 have been received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

June 13th, 1876.

Sir:

I return herewith the duplicate bill of the Adams Express Co. for transportation of silver coin, approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, as requested in your letter of the 27th ult.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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James McClintock, Esq. June 14th 1876.
1001 Vine St.
Philadelphia. Pa.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of yesterday informing me, that T. M. Benner, an employé in the S. F. Mint, is too unwell to undertake the fatigue of the ride to S. F., and desiring his leave of absence extended until the 7th of July.

You may inform Mr. Benner that he may remain East until 7th prox. unless in the meantime he shall receive a request from the Supt. of the S. F. Mint to return sooner.

I wrote the Supt. today explaining the matter, and directing him in case Benners services are required to telegraph him accordingly addressed to your care.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. Lafrange, Esq. June 14th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have instructed Messrs. Nathan Trotter & Co. of Philadelphia to ship as fast freight to your Mint, twenty tons best Lehigh Zinc, which will probably arrive at San Francisco the first week in July.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

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O. H. La Grange Esq.
Supt. Mint,
San Francisco.

June 14th 1876.

Sir:

I have received the oath of Office of Benjamin S. Marston, appointed as an operative in the Melter & Refiner's Dept. of your Mint, enclosed in your letter of the 6th inst.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. L. U. Bogy
U. S. S.

June 14th 1876.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find statement of Silver coinage, requested in your note of last evening.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. C. Acton Esq.
Supt. Assay Office
New York.

June 14th 1876

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 13th inst, transmitting a classified Statement of the business of your Office for the month of May 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

June 14th 1876.

Supt. Assay Office, N.Y.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 13th inst, transmitting a Statement of Gold and Silver bullion, operated upon by the Melter & Refiner, during the month of May, 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

June 11th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

Your favor of the 13th inst, enclosing a/c current of the Bullion Fund of your office, has been received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

Hon. James Pollock

June 15th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find copy of a telegram received at this office from the Supt. of the San Francisco Mint.

I will thank you to have made and forwarded without delay, a complete set of ship and coin gauges.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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A. Sainctelette, Esq.

June 15th 1876.

Commissioner of Mints
Brussels, Belgium.

Sir:

I take pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of your letter of May 27th furnishing me with the results of assays made by your Assayers, of United States Gold coin, and also of Turkish piastres, Imperial marks and Japanese yens.

Your report upon the fineness of our coin is very gratifying to us, and it will afford me satisfaction to do full justice to your coinage also, in my next Report.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

C. E. Smith, Esq.

June 15th 1876.

Leominster, Mass.

Sir:

Your letter of the 12th inst. addressed to the Treasurer of the United States, making inquiries relative to the number of 20 $ pieces issued, has been referred to this office.

The total number of 20 $ pieces coined is 1,696,990., & a value of $339,338.

It is not likely that any more will be struck nor that any will be called in.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Jas. Crawford, Esq. June 15th 1876.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 8th inst, transmitting Statements of Coiners' Gold and Silver workings for the month of May 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. S. J. Randall June 16th 1876.
Chairman Com. on Appropriations
House of Representatives.

Sir:

Referring to the proposed appropriations for the Salaries of this Office, I respectfully request that some modifications be made before the Bill is finally passed.

The Bill as passed by the House appropriates $16.260. and by the Senate $17.360.

The following arrangement and appropriation is required for the efficient conduct of the business of this Office:

Examiner:	—	$2400.
Assayer & Computer	—	2400.
Book-Keeper	—	2000.
One Clerk of Class 2	—	1400.
" Translator	—	1200.
" Copyist	—	900.
" Messenger	—	840.
" Sabrer	—	720.

If the Director's Salary be continued at $4500. the amount of the appropriation will be $16.360. which is but $100. more than that appropriated by the House.

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and $1000. less than the Senate.

The above arrangement still leaves the salaries of the principal clerks of this office below those of the principal clerks in the other Bureaus of the Treasury Dept. and I sincerely hope there will be no objection to granting it.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford Esq. June 16th 1876.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson.

Sir:

Your accounts for the manufacture of subsidiary silver coin, and for Ordinary Expenses, for the month of May 1876. have been received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Jas. Crawford, Esq. June 16th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson. Nev.

Sir:

I have received your Statements of Melter and Refiner's gold and silver workings for May, 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. La Grange, Esq.

June 16th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

The Legislative Appropriation Bill now pending in a Conference Committee of the Two Houses contains the following provision:

"And refining and parting of bullion shall be carried on at the Mints of the United States, and at the Assay Office New York. And it shall be lawful to apply the moneys arising from charges collected from depositors for these operations, pursuant to law, to the defraying in full of the expenses thereof, including labor, materials, wastage and use of machinery; but no part of the moneys otherwise appropriated for the support of the Mints and Assay Office at New York shall be used to defray the expenses of refining and parting bullion."

It is not probable that this provision will be altered or amended before final passage.

As soon as the Bill becomes a Law it will be necessary for you to refine and part the bullion received at your Mint. You will therefore without delay make the necessary arrangements to that end, and as soon as the Bill is finally passed, I will have a sufficient amount advanced you from your incidental appropriation, to meet the first expenses of refining.

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Other instructions will be sent you on the subject.

Very respectfully,
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to
Jas. Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq. June 16th 1876.
Supt. Mint,
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have purchased of Messrs. Nathan Trotter & Co., twenty (20) tons of the best Lehigh Zinc for the use of your Mint, and which will be shipped on the 17th inst. by fast freight.

Bills of Lading will be transmitted as soon as obtained.

Very respectfully,
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq. June 16th 1876.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 8th inst. transmitting regular monthly Statements for May 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Telegram. Superintendent Mint June 16th 1876.
San Francisco.

As soon after Rogers arrives as practicable, arrange a new tariff of charges for deposit melting, and forward by mail in time to be approved before you re-open, consult Garnett as to details - make charges sufficient to cover actual cost only.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

D. W. Mahon, Esq. June 16th 1876.
1st Auditor.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Expenses &c of James Pollock, Supt. of the Mint of the U. S. at Philadelphia for the month of May 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Nevada Bank of San Francisco. June 16th 1876.

When do you expect to complete shipment of fine silver to Philadelphia.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint, June 16th 1876.
Philad^a Pa.

Make some half dollars before closing for settlement.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Richard C. Remmey,
2363 Frankford Ave.
Philadelphia.

June 17th, 1876.

Sir:

On the 6th inst. an order was sent you for seventy (70) large Porcelain Refining Jars to be shipped to the San Francisco Mint, with the request that fifty (50) of the number should be forwarded immediately in order that they might reach there early in July.

I will thank you to inform me when you ship these Pots.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James B. Ludlow, Esq.
Yonkers, N.Y.

June 17th, 1876.

Sir:

In reply to your inquiry of the 12th inst. I have to inform you that there is no way of obtaining specimens of half cents except through the agency of coin dealers.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

June 17th, 1876.

Sir:

I return herewith duplicate Bills of the "Adams Express Company" for transportation of Subsidiary Silver coin, properly approved.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Mint

San Francisco.

June 17th 1876.

Sir:

You will no doubt remember that during my official visit to your Coast last Summer, returns were received of the melt and assay of a lot of Doré bullion, purchased by the Department through you, and refined in the Assay Office at New York, and that the returns from the latter were below the assay of the sellers of the bullion.

My attention was called to this difference, and I informed the parties that after my return to the East, the same would be carefully examined. The examination was commenced shortly after my return and covered several months.

When you were here in February last, I went over the papers with you, and it was determined to allow the question to rest until my next visit to your Coast, which it was then expected would be early this month. It was thought that a just conclusion could be better arrived at, after a verbal discussion of the matter.

As I have been compelled to indefinitely postpone my visit, and as it is necessary that the subject should be disposed of by the conclusion of the fiscal year, I will thank you to call the attention of the sellers of the bullion to it, and if they think it to be worth while, have them make

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reclamation for such sum as they may think justly due them, stating in full their grounds for reclamation.

I will thank you to give this matter your early and careful attention.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint June 17th 1876.
Carson, Nevada.

Orders drawn on you for transfer of two hundred thousand dollars in Subsidiary coin.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint, June 17th 1876.
Carson, Nevada.

Silver coins last received by Treasury very satisfactory. I confidently rely on you to keep them so in future. When will you require more Doré.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq. June 19th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson.

Sir:

Your account of Expenses for the manufacture of Subsidiary Silver coin during the month of April 1876, has been transmitted to the Accounting Officers for settlement.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint U. S.
San Francisco

June 19th 1876.

Sir:

As a precautionary measure to prevent issuing any gold coins or Trade Dollars outside the legal tolerance for weight, you are instructed to select a sufficient number for the purpose, of your most skillful adjusters, and have them re-weigh the blanks after the ordinary adjustment in order to detect any pieces outside the tolerance for weight, which through carelessness or inexperience may have escaped notice.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to
James Crawford Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson.

Jas. Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Carson.

June 19th 1876.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 13th inst. making requisition for dies, and the Supt. of the Mint at Philadelphia has this day been instructed to cause the same to be prepared and forwarded without delay to your Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Jas. Crawford, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Mint, Carson.

June 19th 1876.

Sir:

I have your unofficial letter of the 15th inst. enclosing a statement of the weighing by single pieces of 100.000. in half dollars, quarter dollars, and dimes.

Usually the draw-bench is relied on to produce strips of uniform thickness for the blanks of subsidiary Silver coin within the tolerance of weight allowed by law. The tolerance on such coin was made much greater by law than in the case of gold coin, in order that the adjustment of blanks by hand, might be avoided.

The Statement submitted by you shows some lack of skill or care in working the drawbench. This you must remedy before the operations of the next fiscal year commence.

Mr. Downing will probably be able to give the person in charge of the drawbench such information in regard to working the same as may remove the defect, if not, it will be necessary to transfer a competent workman from the Mint at Philadelphia.

It will be well as a precautionary measure, to keep your force of adjusters employed in carefully weighing the silver coin, when not engaged on the gold and trade dollar coinage.

I sincerely trust that the operations of the Coining Dept. may soon be brought to such efficiency as will enable you to dispense with weighing single pieces of subsidiary coin.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman, Director.

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Telegram. Superintendent Mint, June 19th 1876.
Carson, Nevada.
Have you filled transfer orders for Cincinnati.
Answer.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Jas. Lewanford, Esq. June 19th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 12th inst, transmitting the result of Special Test Assays of coin from San Francisco, for the month of May, 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq. June 19th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

The fact that your silver coins, after the unusual course taken to have them weighed separately by the adjusters, show pieces outside of the legal tolerance, gives me great uneasiness as to the gold coins, and calls for the exercise of the utmost vigilance on your part. If the weighing of the blanks for the silver coin by the adjusters is followed by coins out of weight, there can be no security as to the gold coin. I think there is reason to apprehend that the Chief Adjuster was appointed without due care, and that he was totally with-

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ent experience in the adjusting of balances and weights. If he is not properly qualified a change should be made without delay.

So uneasy do I feel upon this important point, and such are my doubts as to the skill of the Coiner's principal workmen, that I shall immediately try to find in Philadᵃ a properly qualified person for adjusting Balances & Weights, and send him to you. The emergency is a very serious one, and must be promptly met. If not corrected immediately we shall be compelled to suspend the coinage.

I have much confidence that Mr. Downing will be able to give the man at the drawbench such aid and instructions as will secure us against these difficulties in future.

With the aid of Prof. Rogers, Mr. Downing and your Officers, you should carefully examine into the qualifications, care and attention to duty of all the Foremen and principal workmen and the adjusters, and dispense with such as do not come up to the proper standard, and take the utmost care in filling their places.

After you commence the new fiscal year I sincerely hope that you will not make a single change of Employés except for sufficient cause.

You are especially instructed to report promptly to me anything which occurs with the coinage out of the ordinary course. This is very important in the present condition of affairs.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. La Grange, Esq. June 19th 1876.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

Your letter of the 10th inst. enclosing Balance Sheet of the accounts of your Mint on the 31st ult., has been received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint, June 19th 1876.
San Francisco.

Action on nomination of C. C. Davis is deferred until reply to informal letter sent you is received.

Telegr. H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock June 19th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

As a matter of precaution, if not necessity, I deem it best to send to San Francisco either permanently or for a few months, as may hereafter be decided, a person properly qualified for adjusting scales and weights.

I suppose that Mr. Tompkins cannot be spared, even temporarily, and that there is no other employé of your Mint qualified for such duties. If I am correct in this, you will please send for Mr. Groemner immediately on the receipt of this letter, and ascertain whether he has in his employ a man possessing the proper qualifications, & who

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would be willing to go to San Francisco. We could give a properly qualified person about $7.— per diem, and pay his expenses out.

I suggest for your consideration the propriety of placing a proper person under the training of Mr. Simpkins to thoroughly learn this important technical business. If anything should happen to Mr. Simpkins we might be embarrassed as to adjusting.

Yours very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock — June 19th 1876.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philad.a

Sir:

I transmit herewith a copy of a letter from the Supt. of the Mint at Carson, making a requisition for dies.

I will thank you to cause the same to be prepared and forwarded without delay, and especially invite your attention to that portion of the Superintendent's letter which relates to a defect in the last lot of quarter dollar dies furnished.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

June 19th 1876.

Sir:

You are authorized to strike duplicates in copper bronze Life Saving Medals of the first and second class, one set for the Cabinet of the Mint, and one for the Cabinet of this Office, and for which no charge is to be made.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

June 19th 1876.

Sir:

You will please have manufactured and forward to the U. S. Mint at Carson, Nev., a complete set of Strip and Coin gauges, and advise this office when the same are sent.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

June 19th 1876.

Sir:

I will thank you to furnish me with a Statement showing the diameter and exact thickness of each gold and silver coin of the United States.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman - Director

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Messrs. Morgan & Orr
#1219 Callowhill St.

June 19th 1876.

Gentlemen:

I will thank you to procure with as little delay as possible, and ship to the Mint of the U. S. at Carson, four (4) dozen copper canisters 3½ ft. long, and 4½ in. in diameter.

I regret to say I am informed by the Supt. of the Mint at Carson, that the last lot of canisters received from the East were of very inferior manufacture, the brazing being very defective.

I trust you will particularly attend to this matter, carefully examine all the canisters, and ship none but such as are perfect.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

D. W. Mahon, Esq.
1st Auditor.

June 19th 1876.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the account of James Crawford, Supt. of the U. S. Mint at Carson, Nev. for the manufacture of Subsidiary Silver coin during the month of April 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow June 19th 1876.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

On the 11th ult., you referred to this Office for report, a note from the Secretary of State, covering a communication from Geo. F. Seward, Esq., Minister of the United States at China, upon the subject of the currency of that country, and also requesting information respecting the cost of establishing a Mint of moderate capacity, the expense of working it, the staff of officers required, together with plans and description of building and materials.

I have caused to be prepared and transmit herewith plans for a Mint of moderate capacity, and an estimate of the cost of the same, except the cost of the building, for which we have no data to furnish an opinion.

The Mint Edifice should be constructed of heavy block stone, in order to secure the proper solidity, although substantial brick walls will answer.

The machinery and apparatus required to fit up a Mint in the most complete manner will cost from $150.000. to $200.000. including freight to Hong Kong.

The services of a competent person to superintend the erection of machinery and apparatus, together with about six skilled workment, would be necessary.

The required staff should consist

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of a Superintendent and Treasurer, an Assayer, and a Melter and Coiner, also about twenty-five foreign workmen, skilled in various branches of Minting operations.

Mr. Seward makes the inquiry whether it would be possible for the Chinese Government to secure from a Mint an income sufficient for its support.

In the absence of any information respecting the system of coinage to be adopted, it is difficult to answer this inquiry. I suppose it may however, be assumed that China will adhere to the Silver Standard, and her decimal system of weights and values.

The most simple plan would be to continue the Tael as the monetary unit, if it were not that the weight thereof, about 576 grains troy of pure silver or 640 grains 9/10 fine (nine parts of silver and one of copper) cannot be conveniently struck as a single coin.

This being the case it will probably be found best to adopt as the unit, one fifth of the Tael, say 128 grains troy, standard of 9/10 fine.

This Standard if adopted, should be represented by a silver coin of that weight and fineness and be made an unlimited tender in payment. Decimal divisions of this coin, and to be ten per cent less weight than the former should be struck and made a limited tender, not more than thirty units or new Taels.

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The unit herein proposed would have an easy relation to the existing unit - one of the new units would be equal to one fifth of the old and the latter equal to five of the new.

This unit could be divided into 100 cents, and coins of the denomination of one and five cents struck in copper or bronze.

As the unit coin should be coined for individuals, a reasonable charge, say one per cent, should be made.

Coins of less denominations should be made and issued on account of the Empire, and the difference between the bullion and nominal value of these pieces would be more than ample to defray all the expenses of the Mint.

The foregoing information and suggestions are all that appear to be called for by Mr. Seward.

If further details should hereafter be required, they can readily be furnished by this Office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Nevada Bank June 19th 1876.
San Francisco.

Resolution of Board of Directors necessary to register certificates in name of McLane.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Jesse Gillmore, Esq. June 19th 1876.
159 W. Pratt St. Baltimore.

Sir:

In reply to your request to be informed of the amount of specie in circulation in the Country, I send you by today's mail a copy of the Director's Annual Report, on page 30 of which you will find a summary of the amount of gold and silver coined by the Mints of the United States to the close of the fiscal year ended June 30th 1875; and on page 98, a table of the money statistics of the country, prepared from the best authorities, and most reliable information.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram Prof. R. E. Rogers June 19th 1876.
Mint, San Francisco.

Make the Balances and Weights in Coiner's Department including adjusting room subject of early and careful examination. If Chief adjuster is not well qualified, another must be employed. The qualifications of each Adjuster should also be carefully tested accuracy in weighing is of vital importance.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. R. C. McCormick — June 19th. 1876.

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have received the following telegram from Mitchell of Boston "Will send tomorrow unfinished or Thursday finished. I have written."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman.
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq. — June 20th. 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 6th. inst, relative to the deposit of $100,000. in silver coin on account of Profits on Silver, and for which the Treasurer of the U. S. enclosed you certificates of deposit in duplicate on the 20th. ult, and which you suppose to be a part of the transfer of Profits referred to in the letter of this Office under date of February 20th. 1876, and requesting that the difference $185,971.56 may be properly covered into the Treasury, I have to call your attention to the transfer order dated February 24th. 1876, (a copy of which is enclosed herewith) and the endorsement thereon, from which you will perceive that certificate of deposit in duplicate for $285,971.56 were forwarded to you, — the receipt of which is duly acknowledged by you under date of March 7th. 1876.

The deposit and transfer made on the 20th. ult, was not a part of the Profits

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for the six months ending December 31st 1875, but for the six months ending June 30th 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

O. H. LaGrange, Esq. June 20th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 10th inst, enclosing the Oath of Office of Mrs. M. A. Wheaton, appointed as an adjuster in the Coiner's Dept. of your Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

E. P. Carothers, Esq. June 20th 1876.
Jefferson City, Mo.

Sir:

Your letter of the 16th inst, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, inquiring how long since, and under what act the 20¢ pieces were first issued, has been referred for reply to this Office.

The 20¢ silver piece was first coined in 1875, by authority of an Act of Congress (General Nature No. 421) Approved March 3. 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

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Personal

Hon. Geo. F. Seward June 20th 1876.
Minister of the United States
Pekin, China.

Dear Sir:

On yesterday I had the honor to place in the hands of the Secretary of the Treasury, a communication furnishing briefly the information desired by you in reference to the cost of a Mint. I also handed him plans for a Mint. These will be forwarded by the State Department.

In answering your inquiry as to the Mint being made self-sustaining, I touched incidentally on the subject of the money of account, and the unit thereof, to be represented by a full valued coin.

As it was not deemed advisable to go into details on the last named point, I take the liberty of addressing this personal note, in which I propose to give you some suggestions to aid you in the very important and difficult work you have undertaken. If you can accomplish it, you will render China, our own country, and the world, the most valuable service ever rendered by any Minister in Ancient or Modern times.

Requesting you to bear in mind that I write for your information, and in a free and off hand manner, I will at once come to the essential points.

1st. The procuring of the necessary Machinery, apparatus and fixtures can be as well procured in Philadelphia as any where else in the world, and the skilled workmen to put it up, can also be

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procured from there.

2d. The United States can furnish the Staff of Officers and skilled workmen to conduct the operations of the proposed Mint for a term of years.

3d. The most difficult matter you will have to deal with, will be the question of the money of account, as to the standard there cannot in my opinion be any doubt that the single silver standard should be adopted, and the coins should be of the standard of 9/10, that is, 9 parts silver and one Copper. The simplest plan would be to adhere to the Tael and decimal system. But it will be difficult to coin so large a piece, although it can be done with the largest sized Press used in this Country. As to the size of the Coin, it is to some extent a matter of taste as well as convenience in carrying about the person. On this point I will observe, that in case the existing Tael should be adopted, it would be well to issue an Imperial Treasury Note, payable on demand in Silver coined Taels, or standard bars stamped by the Mint. Multiples of the Tael could be represented by these notes up to Ten or Twenty Thousand Taels.

Such notes would remove the only objection that is likely to be raised against the silver standard in China, namely, the transporting of coins of a bulky metal compared with Gold.

4d. If the Tael should be adhered to as the monetary unit, two coins should be coined to represent it, namely, one Tael (over)

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~~and one~~ and a half Tael. There should be coined for the public at a fixed rate of charge equal to the actual expense of Coinage, say one per centum. There should be no restriction as to the amount of Coinage, or as to legal tender, both should be without limit, that is, as to the Standard, or full valued legal tender coin.

5. The divisions of the Tael, except the half Tael, should be coined of Silver 9/10 fine, down to the lowest denomination of which Silver can be conveniently coined, and Copper or Bronze for lower denominations. But these pieces should be subsidiary to the Standard Tael and Standard Half Tael, by being made ten per cent less weight, and a limit enacted as to legal tender.

For this latter Coinage as well as Copper or Bronze, the Government should purchase the bullion and copper, coin the pieces, and issue them at their denominational value. The difference between the cost of the coin and their nominal value, will be a legitimate gain to the State. This is usually termed the Seigniorage.

6. The profit to the State in furnishing the subsidiary Silver and the token Copper Coinage for so large a population, would be very large, and for many years to come. The cost of manufacturing this coin would not be more than 2%, and would leave a clear gain of 8% upon the Subsidiary Silver.

The Copper or Bronze Coinage should

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should give a gain of 66%. This gain on the Subsidiary and Token Coins, should be impressed on the Chinese authorities as a point likely to affect them favorably, to the adoption of a Coinage System.

If limited as to tender and issue, these coins will in the ordinary internal business transactions, maintain a purchasing power equal to the standard coins, and will not be likely to be exported.

In the foregoing remarks and suggestions, I have supposed that the Chinese authorities will insist on adhering to the Tael unit. The same principles will, however, apply equally if should the Trade Dollar, or any other Dollar with which they may be more or less familiar be adopted as the Monetary Unit. It would be greatly to their advantage to adopt the Trade Dollar, and call it any name they choose.

In any way that I can be of service to you in this matter, please command me.

If Mr. Williams, Secretary of Legation is with you, please present him my kind and respectful regards.

I have written this note hastily and amid constant interruptions and I must ask you to excuse any imperfections.

Very respectfully
Your Friend and Obt Servant
H. R. Linderman. Director
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The plan of issuing the Subsidiary and Token Coins would be, for the Chinese Treasury to give these coins out in exchange at par for the Standard coins, Tael and half Tael. They could also be paid out in the ordinary disbursements of the Imperial Treasury and its offices.

The Government would purchase the Bullion and Metal for these coins, and coin them on its own account.

For the Standard coins the Mint should receive deposits of bullion, and return in Standard coins an equal weight of bullion, less the Mint Charge for Coinage.

H. R. L.

If one fifth or one half of the Imperial Tael should be adopted as the new unit, it should be represented in the standard coin by exactly one fifth or one half of the pure silver contained in the present Imperial Tael, whatever that may be.

This would prevent any confusion of values.

A. L. Snowden, Esq.
Coiner Mint U. S.
Philadelphia.

June 20th, 1876.

Sir:

I return herewith, with my approval, endorsed thereon, your accounts for expenses incurred in visiting Washington, at the request of this Office, in official business.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

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Hon. B. H. Bristow

Secretary of the Treasury.

June 20th 1876.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the reference to this Office of a note from the Department of State, under date June 15th enclosing copy of dispatch No. 35, dated March 24th 1875, from Mr. Seward, United States Minister to China, relative to the Resolution of the Shanghae Chamber of Commerce in favor of the establishment of a Mint by the Chinese Government.

Mr. Seward states that the preference of the Chinese for Silver over Gold is very decided and expresses the opinion that it would be very difficult to persuade the Government of China to adopt gold as the standard of value, or for the Government to secure its acceptance by the people.

In concluding his observations on this point, Mr. Seward invites an expression of opinion.

Considering that Silver has been the money standard in China for a long time, and as it is practically the only money standard now in use there, it would evidently be unwise to advise a change of standard. Moreover, the adoption during the last five years of the single gold standard by several important countries, and the consequent increased demand for gold renders it extremely doubtful whether, if China did adopt the gold standard, the necessary quantity of that metal

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could be procured for the purpose.

Indeed it may be safely assumed that it could not be procured, except at a ruinous pecuniary sacrifice.

By adhering to the Silver standard, China will be able to procure in exchange for her commodities and manufactures, the necessary supplies of bullion on more favorable terms than at any previous time within the period of authentic history.

The successful adoption of a system of coined money by so extensive an Empire, and one so densely populated, would be attended by a gradual but certain appreciation in the value of the metal adopted, and the Empire would ultimately reap great advantages therefrom. China would be purchasing silver at a time when the world has a surplus stock to sell, and its industries and commerce would be stimulated by the exchanges to which it would naturally give rise.

In a Country like China, where labor and commodities are cheap, coins of less value and smaller denominations than can be coined in gold, will be absolutely necessary. This point should have great weight in determining the monetary standard.

For the same reason, the monetary unit should be represented by a small value, say the one fifth or one third of the existing Tael, and in no event not more than the United States Trade Dollar.

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With respect to the issue and use of paper money in Liberia, the views expressed by Mr. Seward appear to be correct, and I fully concur in his suggestion that the subject should be kept in reserve until a coinage system shall have first been successfully established.

In reference to the reduced exports of bullion to Japan, to which Mr. Seward calls attention, it should be mentioned that the money in use in that Country before the adoption of their present system, consisted largely of small bars or ingots, which, although termed gold money, were largely alloyed with silver.

These bars were sent to San Francisco for refining or parting, and the resulting fine gold and fine silver returned, alloyed with one tenth copper, and coined into the new money.

This exchange gave the appearance of large exportation of bullion from San Francisco to Japan.

It may be also, that Japan is not in a condition commercially to command much bullion from other Countries.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson.

June 20th. 1876.

Sir:

Your letter of the 5th. inst. in reply to that of this Office of the 19th. inst. calling for explanation of certain items charged in your regular account of Ordinary Expenses, for the month of April, has been received.

In regard to Voucher No. 214 you state, that the set of Drafting Instruments, charged for, were for the use of the Carpenter, and are used by him in making patterns.

I am informed by the Supervising Architect of Treasury, who has a large force of draughtsmen constantly employed, that a set of Instruments, costing from $15. to $20. answers every imaginable purpose. I must therefore frankly state, that to pay $125.00 for these Instruments when a set costing $20. would answer seems to be extravagant.

It would appear from the Voucher, that these Instruments were ordered by the Assayer, when they should have been ordered by the Superintendent, and especially as they were for the use of the Carpenter, who is under the immediate control and supervision of the Superintendent, and not the Assayer.

In future you will not approve nor pay any bills for articles except the same are purchased with

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your approval, obtained before the order is given.

Your attention and that of the operative officers of your Mint, is called to paragraph 3, page 22 of Instructions and Regulations, which must be strictly complied with in future.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

Superintendent Mint June 25th 1876.
Carson, Nev.

Be prepared to ship two hundred thousand to New York as soon as orders of eighteenth instant are presented.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Richard C. Remmey, Esq. June 25th 1876.
#2363 Frankford. Ave. Philad.a

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 19th inst, in relation to the manufacture of porcelain pots, the cost thereof, and the price per pot.

I regret to state that the price for the present lot ordered, cannot now be lawfully changed. If however, these pots prove equally as durable as the imported ones, and give satisfaction in using them, an increase in price for any future orders will be duly considered.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Messrs. Hummel & Meng. June 20th 1876.
Philadelphia.

Sirs:

Your letter of the 19th inst, enclosing Invoice and Bill Lading for Crucibles &c., shipped the U. S. Mint at Carson, Nev, on the 10th inst, by Messrs. McCullough Dalzell & Co. of Pittsburgh, has been received.

The ⅌ of McCullough, Dalzell & Co. has been approved and referred to the accounting officers for settlement, and in due course of business a draft for the amount will be transmitted.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

D. W. Mahon, Esq. June 20th 1876.
1st Auditor.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Expenses ⅌ of James Crawford, Supt. of the Mint, Carson, Nev., for the month of April, 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Henry Mitchell June 20th 1876.
#5 Tremont St.
Boston, Mass.

When will you send design for the proposed Centennial Exhibition Medal. Answer.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock — June 20th 1876.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadª

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 19th inst. transmitting regular monthly Statements for May 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Nevada Bank, — June 20th 1876.
San Francisco.

When you are about to complete shipment of fine silver to Philadelphia please inform me by telegraph.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. La Grange, Esq. — June 21st 1876.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have caused to be prepared, and transmit herewith for the information of yourself, and the Officers of your Mint, a Statement of the Diameters and Thicknesses of the Gold and Silver Coins of the United States.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to
Jas. Crawford Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson. Nev.

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Prof. R. E. Rogers,
On Special Mint Duties
San Francisco Mint
Cal.

June 21st 1876.

Sir:

The expenses of the Western Mints appear to be large compared with the Philadelphia Mint, and unless they can be reduced, the question of limiting the coins struck on Government account at the San Francisco and Carson Mints, will be forced upon us.

I expressly desire that you will go carefully over this matter with the Superintendents, with a view to employing, after June 30th, only the force actually required to properly conduct the business and operations of those mints.

If the number of Assistants, Clerks and Employés can be reduced, it should be promptly and squarely done, and the same course should be pursued with reference to the rate of compensation, and in the purchase and consumption of supplies.

Where clerkships, especially as to those on the roll at a per diem compensation can be consolidated, it should be done, and all ~~other~~ supernumeraries should be promptly dispensed with.

The defective Silver coinage, reduced efficiency, and heavy expenses of the Mints referred to gives me great anxiety, and I beg to impress on you, and through you on the Superintendents, that the time for earnestly and squarely meeting and overcoming these difficulties,

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has arrived.

Another thing I desire to be well understood, and that is, when the force for the new fiscal year has been arranged, there must be no changes except for sufficient cause, - that is to say, employés are not to be removed and their places filled by new appointments, unless there is want of honesty, skill or proper attention to duty. The frequent removals, particularly at the San Francisco Mint, have been one of the primary causes of the difficulty with the silver coinage.

Very respectfully yours
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. C. F. Conant, June 21st 1876.
Actg Secretary Treasury.
Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will issue your Warrant on the Treasurer of the United States in favor of O. H. LaGrange Supt. Mint of the U. S. at San Francisco for the sum of Six thousand dollars ($6000.) on account of the coinage of silver for the redemption of fractional currency, during the current month, as provided in an Act to provide for the resumption of specie payments", approved January 14th 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Dr. R. E. Rogers, June 21st 1876.
Mint, U. S. San Francisco.

Sir:

In the instructions heretofore furnished you were required to examine as to the qualifications and careful attention to duty of the Engineer and Assistants, as well as of others.

I have now to request that you will make the qualifications of the Chief Engineer, the Chief Adjuster, in the adjusting room, and the Fore-man at the drawbench special subjects of investigation. I would like you to ascertain whether these persons possess the necessary qualifications for the proper discharge of their duties.

On the Chief Engineer depends the safety of the Building as well as the proper condition of the engines and other machinery; and on the Chief Adjuster, and the Fore man at the drawbench depends the manufacturing of the coins within the legal tolerance for weight.

I would like you to ascertain what has been the actual experience of these employés in their respective duties at the time of their appointment. It appears to me that in a position of so much responsibility as that of the Chief Engineer, the certificate of qualifications, usually required in such cases, should have been furnished, and placed on file in the Superintendent's Office. If such certificates were or can now be furnished, I will thank you to have copies transmitted to

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this Office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. La Grange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

June 21st 1876.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to issue his warrant on the Treasurer of the U. S. in your favor for the sum of six thousand dollars ($6,000.) on account of the manufacture of silver coin, for the redemption of fractional currency during the current month.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. La Grange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

June 21st 1876.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 13th inst. transmitting Report of Special Test Assays of Coinage of Mint at Carson, for May 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

Superintendent Mint
San Francisco.

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Telegraph cost of new cylinder.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Telegram. Superintendent Mint, June 21st 1876.
San Francisco.

Six thousand dollars will be advanced for Repairs and Expenses of Rogers party. New Cylinder should be procured without delay.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Hon. John Sherman June 21st 1876.
U. S.

I recommend that the last section of the twenty million silver House Bill, which provides for the repeal of the legal tender of trade dollars and places the issue of that coin under the control of the Secretary of the Treasury, be made an amendment to the ten million silver coin House Bill, to be considered in the Senate today. It is important that the Status of the Trade Dollar should be altered as proposed before July first, otherwise we shall be embarrassed in getting out the necessary amount of subsidiary coin.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Girard House, June 21st 1876.
Philad.

Please send immediately receipted Bill covering expenses of my last visit. Check for same remitted some days since.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Messrs. Morgan & Orr, June 21st 1876.

Philadelphia.

Gentlemen:

You will please manufacture and ship as early as practicable to the Mint of the U. S. at Carson, Nev., a Hand Cutting Machine for cutting blanks to test, during the process of rolling in accordance with estimate contained in your letter of the 20th inst.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Messrs. Morgan & Orr, June 21st 1876.

1219 Callowhill St. Phil.

Gentlemen:

I have been informed by telegraph from the Mint at San Francisco, that the cylinder of the large engine is found to be cracked, and that a new cylinder changing the cut off and valves can be obtained for $4000., or the old cylinder repaired by putting in a sleeve for $1000.

These estimates appear to me to be rather high, and I will thank you for an expression of your opinion thereupon.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Julius Dienelt, Esq. June 21st 1876.
Alexandria, Va.

Sir:

Your letter of the 17th inst. addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, in reference to the Centennial Coins, has been referred to this Office, and the suggestions therein made will receive due consideration.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq. June 21st 1876.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

I will thank you to procure and forward to this Office, a price list of "Certlings Assay Balances."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. La Grange, Esq. June 22 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for your information duplicate Bill Lading for 1119 Plates Spelter, shipped your Mint on the 19th inst, by Messrs. Nathan Trotter & Co. Philadelphia, the Invoice of which will be transmitted you in due time.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq. June 22. 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have to inform you that Mr. M. V. Davis has been appointed and assigned for special duties in connection with the Mint at San Francisco and Carson, and to be stationed at San Francisco, subject to orders and directions of this office.

You will place his name on the General Roll of your Mint as a special employé, at a compensation of Eight (8) dollars per working day.

You will afford Mr. Davis every facility for the discharge of the duties which have been or hereafter may be devolved upon him.

Mr. Davis will of course resign the position now filled by him, and which having been made for a special purpose, will be discontinued.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Approved:
Chas. F. Conant
Actg Secretary of the Treasury.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint, June 22. 1876.
San Francisco.

Complete shipment on transfer orders to New York without delay.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

June 22 1876.

Sir:

You were advised yesterday that six thousand dollars ($6000.) would be advanced you for repairs, and expenses of Prof. Rogers and party.

It must be distinctly understood that this sum is to be used only in payment of repairs of old cylinder, and for new cylinder for Engine, and the expenses of Prof. Rogers and party.

In this connection I will add, that as every requisition you have made on the Dept. for funds during the current fiscal year has been honored, that no liabilities contracted during the fiscal year must be carried over, the dates changed, and the amount paid out of the appropriations for the next fiscal year as has heretofore been practiced at your Mint, in former years.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco.

June 22 1876.

Unless yourself and Rogers are certain that your Chief Adjuster is in every respect qualified for his duties I will send immediately an expert from Philadelphia. There must be no uncertainty about this important matter. Send joint answer by telegraph.

H. R. Linderman. Director.

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C. J. Cowles Esq.

June 22nd 1876.

Australian Assay Office
Charlotte.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 20th inst, in reference to re-opening the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte.

Nothing can be done with a view to that object until the Legislative Appropriation Bill is finally passed. When that Bill becomes a law, the question as to the incumbency of the Assayership will be submitted to the proper authorities, and the decision thereupon communicated to you.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

B. F. Stevens, Esq.

June 22nd 1876.

#4 Trafalgar Square,
London, England.

Sir:

Agreeable to the request contained in your letter of the 18th inst. I take pleasure in mailing to your address six (6) copies of my Annual Report for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman - Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

June 22nd 1876.

Supt. Mint, Philad.a

Sir:

Your letter of 21st inst, enclosing certificates of deposit for $750. on account of Profits on Medals, has been received.

Very respectfully H. R. Linderman. Director.

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M. V. Davis, Esq.
Mint. U. S.
San Francisco.

June 22, 1876.

Sir:

You are hereby appointed and assigned for Special duty under the orders of this Office, in connection with the Mint of the United States at San Francisco and Carson, at a compensation of Eight (8) dollars per working day, and your necessary traveling expenses.

The Supt. of the Mint at San Francisco has been instructed to place your name on the General Roll, as a Special Employé.

On accepting this appointment you will of course resign your present position.

Until further instructions shall be sent you, you will keep close observation over the various operations of the Refining Dept. at San Francisco, with a view to prevent any defective coinage.

You will note how each foreman and workman in that dept. discharges his duties, whether skilfully and carefully or otherwise, and until otherwise instructed you will make daily reports to this Office, in order that I may be duly advised as to how the operations are being conducted; and in these reports you will specially note anything of an unusual character occurring in the operations of Coinage.

As you are familiar with the difficulties attending the coinage at San Francisco and Carson, it is unnecessary for me to refer to them at length.

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Every possible facility and aid having been afforded these Mints by this office, we have a right to expect that there will be no re-occurrence of these difficulties hereafter.

If they should occur, they must be promptly reported to me, in order that such further action may be taken, as will be required to bring these Mints to a proper degree of efficiency.

There must be a prompt attention to business on the part of every Officer and Employé connected with the Mints.

Supplies must be purchased at the lowest market rates, and the Regulations enforced as to their distribution and consumption.

Whenever you are satisfied that everything in the Coining Dept. at San Francisco is in proper shape, you will visit the Carson Mint and make a similar examination there.

You are not authorized to modify any Regulations or Instructions at either Mint. You will however, make such suggestions to the Superintendents as you may deem proper.

The Superintendents of the Mints will be instructed to afford you every facility for the performance of your duties.

While Prof Rogers is engaged in discharging the duties assigned him by this Office, you will give him every assistance in your power.

Very respectfully

A. R. Snideman

Director

Approved:

Chas. F. Conant,

Actg Secretary of the Treasury.

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Messrs. Nathan Trotter & Co. June 22. 1876.
36 North Front St.
Philadelphia.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 19th. inst, enclosing in duplicate Invoice and Bill Lading for 1119 plates Spelter, shipped the Mint of the U. S. at San Francisco, has been received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. C. F. Conant June 23. 1876.
Actg Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

In my letter under date of the 8th. ult, and to which I respectfully refer, I requested that you would procure an appropriation of $1000. to be made for fitting up an Assay Laboratory, for the use of this Office.

I stated the necessity which existed for giving this Office this facility.

As this item was not granted by the Committee to which the communication was sent, I hereby renew the request, and have only to add that proper facilities for testing, from time to time, the coins made at the various Mints, are indispensable as a proper check on the coinage.

In order to execute the subsidiary coinage with the rapidity which is required to meet the demand for change, it will be necessary to procure three Automatic Balances for weighing these coins, the blanks for which are not

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adjusted by the single piece, as in the case of the gold coins. The drawbench being relied on to secure blanks of the proper weight for the subsidiary coinage, the machines referred to are necessary for the rapid weighing of these pieces, and to prevent the issue of any pieces varying from the legal tolerance of weight.

There will also be required in order to increase the capacity of the several Mints, some new and additional machines, furnaces, apparatus and fixtures.

I estimate the amount which will be necessary for the above purposes as follows:

For fitting up an Assay Laboratory in the Office of the Director of the Mint $1000.

For three Automatic Weighing Machines $6000.

For Coining Presses, Draw Benches, Milling Machines, Cutting Machines, Annealing furnaces, and fitting up the same, to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury - - - $63,000.

In view of the large amount of work which the Mints will be required to execute for sometime to come, it will be true economy to give them the increased capacity contemplated in the above estimates, as well as to keep by prompt repairs the machinery and apparatus in the highest degree of efficiency.

I respectfully request that you will procure the appropriation estimated for in this letter.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

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Hon. C. F. Conant, June 23. 1876.
Actg Secretary of the Treasury.
Sir:

I have the honor to request that the bullion fund of the Mint of the U. S. at Philadelphia, be increased, one hundred thousand dollars by a transfer of that amount in gold coin, from the Treasurer of the U. S. and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of the Mint, with the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Henry Mitchell, Esq. June 23. 1876.
#5 Tremont St. Boston.
Sir:

I have received your letters of the 20th and 21st inst. and also the design for the Centennial Award Medal which will be submitted to the Commission.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. R. C. McCormick, June 23. 1876.
Sir:

I have to inform you that I have received today from Mr. Mitchell of Boston, designs for the proposed Centennial Award Medal, which are ready for your inspection.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

June 23: 1876.

Sir:

I enclose herewith a telegram received from Prof. Rogers, in relation to the working of the Selby Silver.

I will thank you to reply by telegraph to Prof. Rogers, furnishing him with the desired information, and transmit by mail a copy of your dispatch for file in this Office.

Please return the enclosed telegram.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

If you think proper, the Melter & Refiner may reply to the dispatch of Prof. Rogers. L.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

June 23: 1876.

Sir:

In reply to your telegram of current date, you are informed that your bullion fund will be increased one hundred thousand dollars ($100.000.) and the amount placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. La Grange, Esq. June 23d 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

As it is important that this Office should know at all times the amount of unpaid liabilities on account of the running expenses of your Mint, you are hereby directed at the end of each calendar month, commencing with the month of July, to transmit to this Office with your Ordinary Expenses account, a detailed statement of the unpaid liabilities of your Mint.

The practice of allowing bills to accumulate as heretofore at your Mint, for four or five months must be discontinued. You will require all persons from whom supplies are purchased to render their accounts promptly.

An implicit compliance on your part with the foregoing instructions is expected.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. La Grange, Esq. June 23d 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for your information duplicate Invoice of 1119 Ingots Best Lehigh Spelter, shipped you on the 19th inst. by Messrs. Nathan Trotter & Co. of Philadelphia, whose account I have approved and referred to the accounting officers for settlement

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payment to be made from the appropriation for the Coinage of Silver.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. L. Acton, Esq. June 23rd 1876.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office.
New York.

Sir:

Referring to my letters under date of 14th and 26th of April last, I will thank you to inform me whether your Melter and Refiner will have completed his deliveries in order that the count of funds and bullion on hand may be made on the 30th inst.

You will retain any surplus returned by the Melter & Refiner, until further instructed by this office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Superintendent June 23rd 1876.
U. S. Assay Office, New York.
Mr. Ward's leave of absence approved.
H. R. Linderman. Director

Thos. L. Acton, Esq. June 23rd 1876.
Supt. Assay Office, U. S.
New York.

Sir:

A telegram sent you this day in the following words is hereby confirmed:
"Mr. Ward's leave of absence approved."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman. Director.

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Messrs. N. Trotter & Co.

Philadelphia.

June 23d 1876.

Gentlemen;

It having been decided to pay your account for Spelter shipped the Mint of the U. S. at San Francisco on the 19th inst, out of the appropriations for the current fiscal year; — I have to inform you that your account has been approved and referred to the proper accounting officers for settlement, and in the course of a few days, a draft for the amount will be transmitted you.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Richard C. Remmey, Esq.

2363, Frankford Avenue,
Philadelphia.

June 23d 1876.

Sir:

I have to request that when you shall have completed the shipment of Porcelain Pots, to the Mint of the U. S. at San Francisco, that you will promptly transmit your account in duplicate to this office accompanied by Bill Lading as it has been decided to pay the same without delay, from the appropriations for the current fiscal year.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Telegram. Superintendent Mint June 23d 1876.
Carson, Nevada.

When will you require more Doré bullion.
Answer.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint June 24th 1876.
San Francisco.

Before acting on nomination I desire to hear by telegraph from Rogers to whom I wrote few days ago. Meantime if party declines appointment or you think best to withdraw nomination, it will be satisfactory to me.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. Lafrange, Esq. June 24th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

A telegram sent you this day in the following words, is hereby confirmed:

"Before acting on nomination I desire to hear by telegraph from Rogers to whom I wrote a few days ago.

Meantime if party declines appointment or you think best to withdraw nomination, it will be satisfactory to me."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. Labrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

June 24th 1876.

Sir:

As soon as the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriation Bill now pending in Congress, becomes a law, you will be notified by telegraph of the amount appropriated under different heads for the support of your Mint for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1877.

The bill as it now stands contains a provision making it obligatory on the Mints to refine and part bullion; this provision will probably be retained and without alteration. If so, it will be necessary to commence operations in the Refinery as soon as the same can be placed in condition for that purpose.

With the assistance of Prof. Rogers, you are instructed to adapt your force to the 1/12 of the appropriation for wages per month. This will embrace the question of the total number of workmen to be employed and the rates of compensation to be allowed. The latter must not exceed the average rate allowed in private establishments for similar services. You will give this point careful attention, and your action must embrace all persons, other than those whose salaries are fixed by law.

In view of the large coinage which it will be necessary for your Mint to execute, it will be important in arranging your force to bring the

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same to a point as far as may be practicable, which will leave a margin for working the skilled hands overtime.

In order that you may have a fair start at the commencement of the new year, as well as to meet the exigencies of the public service, it has been decided to pay the bills for Zinc, Refining Pots and Copper Canisters, recently ordered for your Mint, (and all of which have been shipped) paid during the current fiscal year from the appropriation for the coinage of Silver.

In arranging the working force, you will place upon a separate roll the names of all persons properly employed in connection with the Refinery. These employés will be paid from the fund accruing from the charges for refining and parting.

As you will be required to part gold deposits, and will require Doré bullion to add to the same to bring the two metals to a proportion for economical separation, we will make you after the 1st. prox. a purchase of Doré for that purpose as well as to insure a supply of fine silver for the Subsidiary Silver Coinage.

After the close of the present fiscal year, your Mint must be run exclusively on the Regular Appropriations made for its support, and the expenses must not exceed the same.

The Refinery which the law will require to be self sustaining must be made to pay its way.

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Immediately after the appropriation bill becomes a law we will have temporarily advanced from the appropriation for Incidental Expenses a sufficient sum to enable you to procure the necessary materials to start the Refinery, and which sum must be subsequently reimbursed to your Ordinary Fund.

A Statement showing the earnings and expenses of the Refinery will be kept and rendered monthly with your Ordinary Account. This Statement must show the gross earnings of the Refinery, and all disbursements made on account of the same.

The regulations as to pay rolls and Vouchers with respect to the Regular Accounts will be strictly observed in keeping and rendering the Refinery Accounts.

The amount accruing from the charges for refining and parting will from time to time be transferred from the Bullion to the Ordinary Account, but before expending any part of the same the coin received will be sold at the highest market rates for U. S. notes and all payments on account of the Refinery be made in currency.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq. June 24th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for your information, copy of a letter received at this Office from Messrs. Morgan & Orr, relative to the repairs of the old Cylinder, and the manner and cost of making a new Cylinder, for the large Engine at your Mint.

Your careful attention is invited to the suggestions of Messrs. Morgan & Orr.

Very respectfully,
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq. June 24th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

Referring to your telegram of the 23d inst, in relation to the claim of Reihm Heimme & Co. I have to state that we have no papers here in reference to that claim.

All papers in connection with the case must be submitted to this Office before any instructions can be given.

Very respectfully,
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Informal.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

June 24th 1876.

Dear Sir:

I believe it has been the understanding for sometime past that there would be a reduction of the female force in the Coiners' Dept., at the close of the present fiscal year.

The force referred to is no doubt in excess of the actual requirements of the service and when the very unpleasant duty of reducing is undertaken, the necessary reduction may as well be made.

If the Bill now pending in the Senate for the issue of a Silver dollar should become a law during the present session, it will be necessary to retain a larger force of female employés than if the Bill fail.

I suggest therefore that the reduction of the force referred to be deferred until the fate of the Bill for the issue of a Silver Dollar shall be known, say until the close of the month of July.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

June 24th 1876.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 23d inst. enclosing two specimen Double Eagles struck in copper, one with the old die, and one with a die from a new hub.

I regard the obverse of the latter as a decided improvement over the one now in use, but on the reverse of both the specimens the words "E Pluribus Unum" are not well brought up. The Engraver should make a careful effort to have this motto appear more distinctly.

I would like him to consider whether the inscriptions on the reverse could not be so arranged as to allow the word "dollars" to be put on instead of the letter "D".

The Engraver may take his time for this work as we shall in no event make any changes in the coinage before Jan. 1st 1877, by which time I hope we shall be able to substitute a Head of Liberty in place of the sitting figure on the obverse of the Silver coins.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Should like the Engraver to furnish me with wax impressions showing the present condition of the Dies for the proposed Silver dollar.

H. R. L.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

June 24th 1876.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of yesterday, I have to inform you that your bullion fund will be increased by a transfer of $100,000. in gold coin to-day, and the amount placed to your official credit with the Assist. Treasurer U. S. at New York, which will enable you to complete payment for Doré bullion delivered at your Mint by "The Nevada Bank of San Francisco", without delay.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

June 24th 1876.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of yesterday, inquiring as to the conducting of operations after the 30th inst. in the event of the usual appropriations not being made by that time, I have to inform you that you will be instructed what course to pursue in the event of the failure to pass the Appropriation Bill.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

June 24th 1876.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 21st inst, enclosing Certificates of Deposit for Profits on Medals, I have to request that you will forward to this Office, the original certificate for $700. in currency deposited in lieu of the duplicate returned herewith.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Messrs.
Morgan & Orr.

June 24th 1876.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 23d inst. enclosing in duplicate Invoice and original Bill Lading for Copper Canisters, shipped the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, has been received.

Your account has been approved and referred to the accounting Officers for settlement, and in the course of a few days, a draft for the amount will be remitted you.

I will thank you to forward duplicate Bill Lading without delay.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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James Crawford Esq.
Supt. Mint, U.S.
Carson, Nev.

June 24th 1876.

Sir:

Your letter of the 17th inst. enclosing detailed statement of 300.000. ounces fine silver purchased of "The Nevada Bank of San Francisco" at $1.14½ per ounce fine has been received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

Fred Eckfeldt Esq.

June 26th 1876.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and instructed to proceed to Philadelphia, to be present at the Annual Settlement between the Superintendent and Operative Officers of the Mint in that City.

You will be assisted by Mr. H. C. Stier of the First Auditors Office, and in connection with him, you will take an account of all the coin, bullion &c. delivered by the Operative Officers to the Superintendent in settlement of their accounts, and ascertain whether the amounts of gold and silver respectively constituting the Bullion Fund, corresponds with the respective amounts shown by the books of account to be due the United States and depositors.

You will also examine and report to this Office, the condition of the Ordinary Accounts.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman. Director.

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Jas. Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson.

June 26th 1876.

Sir:

It is important that this office should know at all times the amount of unpaid liabilities on account of the running expenses of your Mint. You are hereby directed at the end of each Calendar Month commencing with the month of July to transmit to this Office with your Ordinary Expenses account, a detailed Statement of the unpaid liabilities of your Mint.

You will require all persons from whom supplies are purchased to render their accounts promptly.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson.

June 26th 1876.

Sir:

Your letter of the 19th inst. enclosing Certificate of Deposit for $25,000. in subsidiary silver coin on account of Profits on Silver, has been received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

June 26th 1876.

Sir:

I have instructed Messrs. V. Eckfeldt and H. L. Stier, to be present at the Annual Settlement at your Mint on the close of the present fiscal year.

You will please afford them every facility for the discharge of the duties devolved upon them.

Their necessary expenses will be paid out of the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. C. Acton Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

June 26th 1876.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 24th inst. I have to state, that any surplus returned by the Melter and Refiner should appear in the accounts as heretofore, but the same will be retained in your custody, and not deposited in the Treasury until further instructions from this Office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Prof. R. W. Raymond — June 26th 1876.
U. S. Comm'r Mining Statistics
New York.

Sir:

Your letter of the 23d inst, enclosing certain vouchers of A. Eilers for traveling expenses properly verified by affidavit has been referred to the First Comptroller of the Treasury.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. La Grange, Esq. — June 26th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 17th inst, enclosing the oath of Office of Mr. Chas. H. Sherman, as 2d assist. in the Assayers Dept. of your Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Prof. R. E. Rogers, — June 26th 1876.
Mint, San Francisco.

Yes, I shall so rule.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. D. H. Chamberlain
Governor, Columbia
S. C.

June 26th 1876.

Sir:

I desire in my next Annual Report to give a detailed Statement of the product of the precious metals in the United States, and shall be greatly obliged if you will have prepared and transmitted to this office, as soon after the 30th inst, as may be convenient, a statement showing the production of Gold and Silver respectively in your State, during the fiscal year, ending June 30th 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to

Hon. Lafayette Grover
Governor, Salem
Oregon.

Hon. Richard Coke
Governor, Austin
Texas.

Hon. Curtis H. Brogden
Governor, Raleigh
N. C.

Hon. Jas. D. Porter, Jr.
Governor, Nashville
Tenn.

Hon. L. R. Bradley
Governor, Carson
Nevada.

Hon. H. Ludington
Governor, Madison
Wis.

Hon. Wm. Irwin
Governor, Sacramento
Cal.

Hon. John S. Pillsbury
Governor, St. Paul
Minn.

Hon. John J. Bagley
Governor, Lansing
Mich.

Hon. Chas. H. Hardin
Governor, Jefferson City
Mo.

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Hon. Jas. M. Smith
Governor, Atlanta
Georgia.

Hon. A. H. Garland
Governor, Little Rock
Ark.

Hon. Geo. S. Houston
Governor, Montgomery
Ala.

Hon. Jas. L. Kemper
Govr, Richmond,
Va.

Hon. John J. Jacob
Governor, Wheeling
West Va.

O. H. La Grange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

June 27th 1876.

Sir:

I return herewith Voucher #730 of your Subsidiary Coinage account, in favor of Wm Zelner in order that the number of gallons of Alcohol and Castor oil may be given, after which you will return the same to this office without delay.

Your attention is called to Voucher No. 785 John Taylor & Co. for 1 Gertling Balance #12, with weights $265. coin, or $296.21 currency; the price paid for this Balance is exorbitant, the same should not have cost at the very outside over $160.- currency. In future when you require articles of this character, you will make your requisition upon this office for the same.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. La Grange, Esq. June 27th 1876.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

Your letter of the 19th inst. enclosing in duplicate bill of Henry Troemner, Esq., of Philadelphia, amounting to $843.00 for repairs on Standard Balance, and one small adjusting Balance, has been received.

The account of Mr. Troemner has been approved and referred to the accounting Officers for settlement, payment to be made from the appropriation for the Coinage of Silver.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. La Grange, Esq. June 27th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 19th inst. advising shipment to the U. S. Depositaries at Pittsburgh, Pa., and Buffalo N. Y., the sum of $50.000. each.

Your action in shipping half and quarter dollars, in place of dimes, is approved.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.

June 27th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

You will please forward to this Office at an early date an estimate of the quantity of copper that will be required at your Mint for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1877.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to
James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson.

Henry Troemner, Esq.

June 27th 1876.

710 Market, St.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have received from the Supt. of the Mint of the U. S. at San Francisco, your bill, in duplicate, for repairs of Standard Balance, and one small Adjusting Balance, amounting to $343 and have approved and referred the same to the accounting Officers for settlement, and in due course of business a draft for the amount will be transmitted you.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Messrs. Hummel & Meng, June 27th 1876.
955 North 3rd St.
Philadelphia.

Gentlemen:

I transmit Treasury Draft No. 8 9457 for $405.50 on Assistant Treasurer U. S. at Philadelphia, in favor of McCullough Dalzell & Co. and issued in payment for crucibles shipped by them to the U. S. Mint at Carson, Nev.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. E. P. Ferry, June 27th 1876.
Governor, Olympia
Washington Territory.

Sir:

I desire in my next Annual Report to give a detailed statement of the product of the precious metals in the U. S., and shall be greatly obliged if you will have prepared and transmitted to this Office as soon after the 30th inst. as may be convenient, a statement showing the production of Gold and Silver respectively in your Territory, during the fiscal year ending June 30th 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to
Hon. Saml. B. Axtell
Governor, Santa Fé
New Mexico.

Hon. W. H. Emery
Gov. Salt Lake
Utah.

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Hon. D. P. Thompson
Governor. Boise City
Idaho.

Hon. John L. Routt
Governor, Denver
Colorado.

Hon. John L. Pennington
Governor. Yankton
Dacota Ty.

Hon. Benj. F. Potts
Governor, Helena
Montana, Ty.

Hon. John M. Thayer
Governor, Cheyenne
Wyoming Ty.

Hon. A. P. K. Safford
Governor, Tucson
Arizona.

M. V. Bonzano, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans.

June 29th 1876.

Sir:

Your letter of 23d inst. enclosing ten defectively finished Dimes of the Coinage of the Carson Mint, has been received.

You will please accept my thanks for your attention to this matter.

The Asst Treasurer at New Orleans has been instructed to pay out none but perfectly finished coins.

I have forwarded the dimes enclosed by you to the Supt. of the Carson Mint, with instructions to return you by registered letter ten perfectly finished ones.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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James Crawford Esq. June 28th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson.

Sir:

I enclose ten dimes of the coinage of your Mint forwarded to this Office by Dr. M. V. Benzano, Supt. of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans.

From the letter of Dr. Benzano, a copy of which is enclosed, it appears that many of the Dimes forwarded from your Mint to the Assist. Treasurer of the U. S. at New Orleans are badly executed. The Assist. Treasurer has been directed to pay out nothing but properly finished coins.

You will please return to Dr. Benzano by registered letter, ten good dimes in place of the ones enclosed.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock June 28th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadª. Pa.

Sir:

As soon as the Coiner shall have made his last delivery of coins for the month, please send me the monthly statement of coinage.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock — June 28th 1876.

Supt. Mint, Philad.

Sir:

When Mr. A. L. Paquet presents the Hubs for the Trade Dollar, you will please instruct the foreman in the Die Room to harden them and produce from them with as much care as possible, a pair of Dies to be tested, and from which two pieces shall be struck in Silver, and forwarded to me.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint, — June 28th 1876.

San Francisco.

Do the charges submitted for melting deposits apply to both Gold and Silver or to gold only.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Thos. L. Acton — June 29th 1876.

Supt. Assay Office, N.Y.

Sir:

I have instructed R. E. Preston, Examiner, to be present at the close of your Annual Settlement and verify the weighing and count of Bullion and Coin on hand.

Please afford him every facility to attend to this duty as well as to examine into any business or operations which he may deem necessary. His necessary expenses will be paid out of your Contingent Fund.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson.

June 29th 1876.

Sir:

As soon as the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriation Bill, now pending in Congress becomes a law, you will be notified by telegraph of the amount appropriated under different heads for the support of your Mint, for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1877.

With the assistance of Prof Rogers, you are instructed to adapt your force to the ts of the appropriation for wages per month. This will embrace the question of the total number of workmen to be employed, and the rates of compensation to be allowed. The latter must not exceed the average rate allowed in private establishments for similar services.

You will give this point careful attention, and your action must embrace all persons other than those whose salaries are fixed by law.

In view of the large Coinage which it will be necessary for your Mint to execute, it will be important in arranging your force to bring the same to a point as far as may be practicable which will leave margin for working the skilled hands overtime.

In arranging the working force, you will place upon a separate roll, the names of all persons properly employed in connection with the Refinery. These Employés will be paid from the fund accruing from the charges for refining and

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parting.

After the close of the present fiscal year, your Mint must be run exclusively on the Regular Appropriations made for its support, and the expenses must not exceed the same.

The Refinery, which the law will require to be self-sustaining, must be made to pay its way.

Immediately after the Appropriation Bill becomes a law, we will have temporarily advanced from the Appropriation for Incidental Expenses, a sufficient sum, to enable you to procure the necessary materials to start the Refinery, and which sum must be subsequently re-imbursed to your Ordinary fund.

A Statement showing the earnings and expenses of the Refinery will be kept, and rendered monthly with your Ordinary Account.

This Statement must show the gross earnings of the Refinery, and all disbursements made on account of the same. The regulations as to payrolls and vouchers, with respect to the Regular Accounts will be strictly observed in keeping and rendering the Refinery Account.

The amount accruing from the charges for refining and parting will from time to time be transferred from the Bullion to the Ordinary Account, but before expending any part of the same, the coin received will be sold at the highest market rate for United States notes, and all payments on account of the Refinery be made in currency.

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Very respectfully,
H. R. Linderman
Director.

If the provision referred to becomes a law and without any alteration, the melting charge will be used for defraying the expenses of Refining. H. R. L.

Telegram. Superintendent June 29th 1876.
Mint, San Francisco.

On and after the first proximo silver parted from gold deposits will be paid for at the rate of one hundred cents per ounce standard in gold coin.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar telegram sent to
Assayer in Charge
Mint, Denver
Col.

Superintendent
Mint, Carson,
Nev.

Hon. Jas. Pollock June 29th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

On and after the 1st proximo, Silver parted from Gold deposits will be paid for at the rate of one hundred cents per ounce standard in Gold coin.

Very respectfully,
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to
Thos. C. Acton Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

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Superintendent June 29th 1876.
Mint, San Francisco.

The charges for melting gold deposits at the San Francisco Mint, are hereby fixed as follows, and to take effect July 1st proximo.

1. On all deposits below fifty ounces - 50 cts.
2. Between fifty and one hundred ounces - 75 "
3. Above one hundred ounces, 75 cents, and one fourth of one cent per ounce for each ounce additional.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Approved:
Chas. F. Conant
Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

O. H. LaFrange Esq. June 29th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

The charges for melting gold deposits at your Mint are with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury hereby fixed as follows, - to take effect July 1st proximo.

1. On all deposits below fifty ounces - 50 cts.
2. Between fifty and one hundred ounces - 75 "
3. Above one hundred ounces 75 cents, and one fourth of one cent per ounce for each ounce additional.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. LaGrange Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

June 29th 1876.

Sir:

Prof. Rogers informs me by telegraph that he has completed the examination of the Dime Coins in your possession, which he was instructed to make, and that they are too imperfect in finish to pass.

He recommends their recoinage; I have therefore decided to have the Dimes recoined.

In delivering these coins to the Melter and Refiner, you will not turn over a larger amount at any one time than can be melted in one day.

As a rule, and for obvious reasons, the Melter and Refiner should not at any time be permitted to hold bullion in the form of coin. The same rule applies to the Coiner, as far as it is practicable, in view of the nature of his operations.

The deliveries to the Melter and Refiner of these spoiled Dimes must be made in the morning, and the melting thereof completed before the close of business.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq. June 29th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for your information, duplicate Invoice of Copper Canisters shipped to you on the 22. inst. by Messrs. Morgan and Orr, Philadelphia, whose account has been approved and referred to the Accounting Officers for settlement; payment to be made from the appropriation for the manufacture of Silver coin.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint June 29th 1876.
San Francisco.

Tariff of gold melting charges contained in your dispatch of twenty seventh inst. approved to take effect first proximo.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Prof. R. E. Rogers June 29th 1876.
Mint, San Francisco.

The Supervising Architect is arranging for the additional vault room required, and sent full instructions on the subject by mail yesterday.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock — June 29th. 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your letter of the 28th. inst, advising of shipment by Adams Express Co., of Three Gold Life Saving Medals of the 1st. Class, and enclosing bills for the same, has been received.

The medals have been delivered to the Secretary of the Treasury, and the bills for the same approved and referred to him for payment.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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v. Superintendent Mint
Philadaa — June 29th. 1876.

Send immediately suitable cases for the three gold medals forwarded yesterday - forward today if possible or tomorrow certain.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Morgan & Orr, — June 29th. 1876.

Callowhill St. below 13th
Philadaa.

Draft will go through today or tomorrow.

H. R. Linderman
Director Mint.

Telegram.

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M. V. Davis, Esq. June 29th 1876.

U. S. Mint

San Francisco.

Sir:

I transmit for your information copies of letters addressed to the Supt. of the San Francisco Mint, under date of 23d & 24th of June. I desire that you will give particular attention to the manner of purchase and distribution of supplies, and that you will make yourself familiar with the market price of the leading supplies required for the Mint, and ascertain what checks are adopted by the Superintendent to secure the delivery of the full quantities purchased.

You will also report to this Office what supplies in your opinion can be purchased to advantage in the East.

While we would at all times prefer to purchase our supplies in the local market, we are not willing to pay the exorbitant prices heretofore charged for many articles by San Francisco merchants.

Very respectfully,
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint, June 30th 1876.

San Francisco.

All pending nominations are disapproved and no additional employments will be authorized.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock — June 30th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have received your letter of yesterday transmitting note from the Engraver, and three wax specimens, two Heads of Liberty, and one reverse of Double Eagle.

The Head of Liberty shows very decided improvement, and would appear to justify the expectation that the Engraver's effort will be attended with favorable results.

The impression of the inscription Twenty Dollars, reverse of the Double Eagle, shows that there is sufficient space for that alteration, and the Engraver may prepare a die, for the striking of specimens showing the same, either separately or in connection with the bringing up more plainly of the motto, "E Pluribus Unum", suggested in a previous letter.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Prof. R. E. Rogers — June 30th 1876.

Mint, San Francisco.

Despatch relative to charges of Special Agent received. Take no action until further instructed. In meantime proceed with your other and more important duties.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Prof. R. E. Rogers

Special Service, U. S. Mint
San Francisco. Cal.

June 30th 1876.

Sir:

I have yours of the 22nd inst, enclosing a communication from Special Agent S. D. Mills in reference to charges against Supt. La Grange.

It is to be regretted that Mr. Mills, considering the character of his original communication to the Department, should not have presented more definite charges, as well as evidence of a more positive character.

You will afford each of the witnesses named in the letter of Mr. Mills, an opportunity to make statement under oath, of any facts within their knowledge respectively, showing a violation of law on the part of Supt. La Grange, and you will notify the Superintendent as to the time which may be fixed to hear these parties, in order that he may be present and cross-examine them, should he desire to do so.

These instructions with those previously given will no doubt, be sufficient for your guidance in endeavoring to arrive at the truth or falsity of the charges made.

If the Superintendent, or any other person connected with the Mint, has violated the law, we desire to know it, and promptly apply the proper remedy; and if the parties named know of any such violation of law, they should as good citizens come forward and plainly say so. Insinuations and

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opinions, not sustained by creditable evidence, cannot be accepted as proof of the charges made.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

July 1st 1876.

Sir:

Your of the 30th ult, enclosing bill for Cases for Life Saving Medals has been received.

The bill has been approved and referred to the Secretary of the Treasury for payment.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

July 1st 1876.

Sir:

Your letter of the 30th ult., enclosing Statement of Coinage executed at your Mint, during the month of June, has been received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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N. H. Masten, Esq.

July 1st 1876.

Cashier Nevada Bank
San Francisco.

Sir:

Your letter of the 23d ult, enclosing verified copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of your Bank, directing and authorising the registry in the name of Louis McLane, President, of all U. S. Bonds to be delivered to you, in payment for Silver Bullion in excess of two millions of dollars, heretofore authorized to be registered in the name of John W. Mackay;- also a verified copy of an extract from your By Laws, have been received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.

July 1st 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson.

Sir:

By this day's mail I send you two Assayer's Registers of Silver Bullion, the requisition for which you made some weeks since. It was thought that one book of the size you wished (15 quires) would be somewhat unwieldly, and therefore two were made one half the size.

Be pleased to acknowledge their receipt.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. La Grange Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

July 1st 1876.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for your information duplicate Invoice, and Bill Lading for 10 Boxes chemically pure Nitric Acid, shipped you on the 23d ult. by Messrs. Rosengarten & Sons Philadelphia, whose account I have approved and referred to the accounting Officers for settlement, payment to be made from the appropriation for "Coinage of Silver for redemption of Fractional Currency."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Messrs. Rosengarten & Sons.
Philadelphia.

July 1st 1876.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 29th ult, enclosing in duplicate Invoice and Bill Lading for 10 Boxes (840 lbs) chemically pure Nitric Acid, shipped the U. S. Mint San Francisco on the 23d ult, has been received.

Your account has been approved and referred to the Accounting Officers for settlement, and in due course of business a draft for the amount will be remitted you.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

July 1st 1876.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

Your letter of the 30th ult, enclosing account current of the Bullion Fund of your Office, also a statement of items composing the same, has been received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

Superintendent Mint

July 1st 1876.

Carson Nevada.

Go ahead but incur no expenses not actually necessary to meet current business.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. La Grange, Esq.

July 3rd 1876.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

You are hereby instructed to discontinue telegraphing to this Office the balance of Subsidiary silver coin on hand at the close of business on Saturday at your Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Samuel B. Ruggles, July 3. 1876.
Chamber of Commerce, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

I received at 4 o'clock this P.M. your despatch of current date in behalf of the Chamber of Commerce, requesting to be informed how far I approve the pending amendment of the House, to the Senate Bill, permitting the payment of public and private debts in Silver dollars of the standard fineness and weight authorized up to the year 1873 and whether that amendment will probably pass Congress during the present session.

As the proposition to which your despatch refers is pending in Congress it would appear to be somewhat indelicate for me to give my views in relation to the same, unless called for by that body, or my official superior, the Secretary of the Treasury; - but considering the high character of the Chamber, and its connection with financial and commercial questions, I will briefly comply with your request.

The proposition is not to establish a double or alternate standard of gold and silver based on the present commercial relation of the two metals, but to make 412½ grains of silver, 9/10 fine, a dollar, when it is worth only about 84½ cents in gold.

If such a dollar should be made an unlimited tender, it would at no distant day expel gold from the Country, for the simple reason that debtors would always choose the cheaper

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metal in which to pay their debts. Moreover, when once established as effective money, the foreign exchanges would rise in proportion to the depreciation of the money unit.

Without enlarging upon the subject, or entering in to the discussion of the question of the Double Standard, I will frankly state that I do not think it would be sound policy for the United States to make silver an unlimited tender on the basis proposed. The large excess of supply over demand and the continued demonetization of silver by several of the principal Countries would appear to render it very unsafe for the United States to embark in an experiment to raise the value of that metal to its former relation to gold by giving it a decided overvaluation in a full legal tender coin, and to be coined without limit.

If this should be done, this country would become the best market in the world for silver, and the surplus stock of Germany, France, and other Countries would come to us. In giving our Gold, Cotton, and other products for silver, we would not even have a reasonable prospect of arresting the depreciation.

An International Convention to consider this grave question, and agree upon the relation which gold and silver should in future bear to each other in the coinage and legal tender systems of the principal Countries

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of the world, is, in my opinion, the only remedy from which beneficial and permanent results can be expected.

It might be that such a Convention would lead to the remonetization of silver on a basis somewhere between the present and former relative value to gold, and its steady maintenance on such a basis for a long period of time.

I am not able to give you any reliable opinion as to the probable action of Congress on this measure.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Benj. C. Wright, Esq. July 3. 1876.
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

In compliance with your request, I have the honor to enclose herewith a statement of the Coinage executed at the Mint of the U. S. Philad.a, during the fiscal year ended June 30th. 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint July 3. 1876.
Philad.a

State approximately amount of silver bullion on hand.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

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James Crawford Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson, Nevada.

July 3: 1876.

Sir:

Your letter of the 24th ult, transmitting warrants belonging to your bullion a/cs for the quarter ending March 31st 1876, has been received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson

July 3: 1876.

Sir:

You are hereby instructed to discontinue telegraphing to this office the balance of subsidiary silver coin on hand at the close of business on Saturday at your Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Hon. S. B. Ruggles
24 Union Square, New York.

July 3: 1876.

My duties here are such that I cannot be absent much as I would like to see and confer with you.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Prof. R. E. Rogers July 5th 1876.

Mint, San Francisco.

Sir:

When I instructed you to investigate the charges made by Special Agent Mills against Superintendent Salgrange, I did so with the expectation that the former would be required to specify particular acts of official misconduct or violation of law, and furnish the names of witnesses to sustain the same.

Instead of Mr. Mills doing so, it appears that soon after your arrival in San Francisco, Mr. Mills left for the East without calling on you. He did however, address you a note upon the subject, in which he gave the names of some witnesses, with the statement that they had opinions and knowledge of, and on certain points, but specified no particular violation of law.

I feel quite unwilling to entertain these vague charges and insinuations, especially as the general examination you have been instructed to make into the affairs of the Mint, and the conducting of its business in detail, will be much more likely to develope any irregularities should they exist, than an investigation of vague charges made by discharged employés.

Let your examination of the Mint be of the most thorough character. After you shall have completed your examination, and reported the results, we can better determine whether any further investigation is necessary.

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You will read this letter to Mr. Marvin V. Davis, Special Employé of this office, on duty at the Western Mint, in order that he may be governed accordingly.

Yours very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Prof. R. E. Rogers July 5th 1876.

Mint, San Francisco.

Would like Nevada Bank to complete shipment of balance of fine silver as early as possible. See Bank and answer.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Prof. R. E. Rogers July 5th 1876.

Mint, San Francisco.

No further action will for the present be taken in reference to charges made through Special Agent. Will write you on subject in day or two.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Jas. Crawford, Esq. July 5th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson.

Sir:

In future when you make shipments of subsidiary silver coin on transfer order, you will please make a foot note of the same on your daily statement, giving the denominations, ammnt, and to whom shipped.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman. Director.

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L. G. Rodgers, Esq.
Commercial Bank
44 Pine St. N.Y.

July 5th 1876.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 1st inst. requesting to be informed whether coins could be made of Gold and Silver in the proportion of about three-fourths (3/4) Silver and one-fourth (1/4) gold, in value.

There are no chemical nor metallurgical obstacles in the way - the difficulty would be to give a steady value to such coins on account of the fluctuations in the value of Silver.

The concluding paragraph of your letter appears to indicate a proposition to make a coin of the weight of the present silver coin, and to be of the value of the present gold coin.

The gold value of two half dollars is at present .77.7 c.m. - By adding to two half dollars five (5) grains of pure gold, the value would be $1.00. This would give a dollar weighing 390.8 grains and it would not be distinguishable in color from the Silver coins containing no gold.

Such coins when received in other Countries would be treated simply as Bullion, and would be subjected to a parting charge.

The objection to such coins will then appear to be in the fact that they would be undistinguishable from Silver coins containing no gold, and that when required to be used to adjust foreign balances, they would be subject to a parting charge, and that their

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exchange value would to a great extent rise or fall with the increase or decrease in the value of Silver.

The extent to which Silver may fluctuate, is extremely uncertain in its present anomalous condition in the coinage and legal tender systems of the principal Countries of Europe.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. H. G. Riddle

July 5th 1876.

House of Representatives,
Washington. D.C.

My dear Sir:

The information requested in your favor of the 4th inst. is extremely difficult to procure with any degree of accuracy.

All that we know upon the subject is contained in my Annual Reports since 1873, copies of which I send you herewith.

The Report for 1874, I must request you to return after you have obtained the information desired, as the edition is quite exhausted.

I am endeavoring to procure more full and definite information on the subject for my next Annual Report, and shall be glad to furnish you hereafter with such information as I may receive.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

July 5th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir,

Mr. Preston informs me that there was on the 30th June, in the possession of the Melter & Refiner, twenty (20) barrels of sweeps, which that officer suggested might remain undelivered, and go into next years operations.

Under the provisions of the 42d section of the Coinage Act of 1873, all the bullion in the possession of the Melter & Refiner must be delivered to the Superintendent at the Annual Settlement.

The settlement at your Office, will therefore be incomplete until these sweeps shall have been delivered to you, and credit given the Melter and Refiner for the same at their assay value. This should be done before the settlement is finally closed.

Whatever may have been the practice in former years, the section of law above referred to, is mandatory and leaves us no discretion.

The residuum fluxes and sweepings of the Deposit Melting, and Weigh Rooms, will be treated and disposed of as you may deem best for the interest of the Government, and Profit & Loss, account credited with the proceeds thereof.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Telegram. Superintendent July 5th 1876.
U. S. Assay Office, New York.
We are not prepared to act today. Send me London quotation early tomorrow.
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Mrs. Deighton July 5th 1876.
Newark, Delaware.
Dear Madam,
I have received your note of the 3rd inst, and am pained to inform you that while I sympathize with you deeply, concerning the distressed condition of Mr. Long, - the law gives me no authority whatever for complying with your request.
Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock July 5th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.
Sir;
Your letter of the 3rd inst, transmitting Statements of Minor Coins, Redeemed, Reissued and Exchanged, and Minor Coinage Operations, during the month of June 1876, has been received.
Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Supt. Mint Philadelphia. July 5th 1876.
State by telegraph amount of fine Silver due from Nevada Bank.
H. R. Linderman. Director.

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O. H. La Grange, Esq. July 5. 1876.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

Your letter of the 24th ult., enclosing Refinery Construction Report for the month of August 1875, has been received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint, July 5th. 1876.
San Francisco.

Resume coining operations as early as practicable and run on Gold and Half and Quarter Dollars. When will you be ready to start Refinery. Forty-five Pots shipped you on 16th. ult.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint July 5th. 1876.
San Francisco

Resume operations in full without delay.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

L. J. Regua Esq. July 6th. 1876.
No. 2. Broadway, N. Y.

Sir:

I will thank you to forward to this Office two samples of your Silver Coin Bags, size "B" and state the lowest price at which you will furnish 3000 of the same; 2000 to the San Francisco Mint, and 1000 to the Carson Mint. The same to be duly stamped and equal to sample filed in this Office by Mr. Noyes, some days since.

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Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

E. G. Rodgers, Esq. July 6th 1876.
Commercial Bank
44 Pine St. New York.

Sir:

In my letter to you of yesterday a clerical error was made in stating the proportions of the proposed coin of Gold and Silver, which I beg leave to correct, - the proportion should read "three fourths ¾ silver, and one quarter (¼) gold," instead of one half gold as written.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Nevada Bank San Francisco. July 6th 1876.

Please name rate for sale of seven hundred and fifty thousand ounces fine silver deliverable at Philadelphia Mint, also for silver contained in Doré to amount of seven hundred thousand ounces deliverable at San Francisco Mint, and three hundred thousand ounces at Carson Mint, seller to pay parting charges - New York, price of medium of payment will be telegraphed on receipt of your despatch.

H. R. Linderman
Director Mint.

Telegram. C. W. Fremantle July 6th 1876.
Royal Mint, London.
Yes.

H. R. Linderman. Director.

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C. W. Fremantle Esq.

July 6th 1876.

Royal Mint,
London, England.

Dear Sir:

I have to acknowledge your letter of the 23d ult. in relation to the Automatic Balances, manufactured by Messrs. D. Napier & Sons.

I have now to request that you will inform me, whether it will be necessary in case we should conclude to order a few of their machines, to send to the manufacturer specimens of our coins, or whether a statement of the weight of each coin will be sufficient.

I have also to acknowledge, and at the same time, thank you for your confidential note of the same date.

Your action in withholding the letter addressed to Messrs. J. S. and A. B. Wynn, meets with my entire approval and you will please consider that letter as withdrawn.

In order that no time might be lost I cabled you this day, the word "yes", which signifies that the work we wish done, is to be placed by you in the hands of Mr. Wynn.

Whatever expense you may incur in this business, I will take pleasure in remitting when the account for the work is received.

Very respectfully
H. P. Lindermann
Director.

Telegram.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock — July 6th. 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I enclose herewith bills of H. L. Stier and Fred. Eckfeldt for expenses incurred by them in attending the annual settlement at your Mint. The former to be paid from your appropriation for Contingent Expenses for 1876, and the latter, from the appropriation for Coinage of Silver, for the reason, that it covers expenses incurred in two fiscal years, and that appropriation being an indefinite one, and not confined to any particular period of time.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock — July 6th. 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 5th. inst, transmitting a Statement of Minor Coins Redeemed, Re-issued and Exchanged, for fiscal year ending June 30th. 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Parker Handy — July 6th. 1876.
24 Nassau St, New York.
Have authorized purchase at equivalent of todays London quotation. See Action.
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Chas. U. Conant — July 6th. 1876.

Assistant Secretary.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the reference to this Office for report, of a note, dated the 30th. ult. from the Acting Secretary of State, enclosing a copy of a despatch dated the 28th. of May last, from Mr. Russell, Minister of the U. S. at Caracas, and of a note addressed to him by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Venezuela, requesting permission to coin certain nickel coins for circulation in that country.

Mr. Wm. L. Boulton, supposed to be of the firm of Messrs. H. L. Boulton & Co. No. 128, Walnut St. Philadelphia, addressed on the 7th. of February last to the Coiner of the Mint at Philadelphia, a note, inquiring whether such pieces could be made at that Mint; - this letter was referred to this Office, and on the 16th. of February last, Mr. Boulton was informed by letter, that it would be necessary for the Government of Venezuela to make application to the Department of State before any action could be taken by us.

I can see no objection to striking these coins at the Philadelphia Mint under the provision of the act approved January 19th. 1874.

If it should be decided to grant the request of the Government of Venezuela, I respectfully suggest that Mr. Wm. L. Boulton of Philadelphia be informed of the same; - my reason for making this suggestion is that under the act above referred to, the proposed

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coins will have to bear the devices of Venezuela, and that he is probably in possession of the same, and if so, the preliminary work of preparing the dies could proceed without delay.

The papers in the case are herewith returned.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

Superintendent July 6th 1876.
U. S. Assay Office, New York.

You are authorized to purchase Parker Handy's lot of Silver referred to in your dispatch of yesterday at equivalent of today's London price.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq. July 6th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of yesterday you are informed that both the Sweeps of the Melter & Refiner, and of the deposit melting-Room, must be embraced in the accounts of the late fiscal year.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Telegram. Superintendent Mint, July 6th 1876.
San Francisco.

Reopen and resume operations in full immediately. Ten days appropriations on basis of last year includes Mints. Will have funds telegraphed you as early as practicable.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Prof. R. E. Rogers July 6th 1876.
Mint, San Francisco.

Have you arrived at conclusion as to practicability of working Selby Silver at Philadelphia.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

M. V. Davis Esq. July 7th 1876.
Special Employé
Mint U. S. San Francisco.

Sir:

The pressure of official business during the last few weeks, has been such as to compel the postponement for a time of some matters, among them a proper acknowledgement of the valuable services you have rendered this office, and the Western Mints, since your transfer to the Pacific Coast, and which I now desire to make.

Your duties have been laborious and complicated, and required some judgment and extreme care; You have discharged them with fidelity and to my entire satisfaction.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

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Telegram. Nevada Bank July 7th 1876.
San Francisco.

We will take Doré Bullion at one hundred four and one half cents per ounce fine for the silver contained sufficient to give seven hundred and fifty thousand ounces fine silver at San Francisco Mint, and three hundred thousand ounces at Carson Mint, Seller to pay parting charges payable in gold coin. Answer.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

H. H. Masten, Esq. July 7th 1876.
Cash. Nevada Bank
San Francisco. Cal.

Sir:

The following telegrams sent you this day are hereby confirmed: 1st "We will take Doré Bullion at one hundred four and one half cents per ounce fine for the silver contained, sufficient to give seven hundred and fifty thousand ounces fine silver at San Francisco Mint, and three hundred thousand ounces at Carson Mint. Seller to pay parting charges, payable in gold coin. Answer." 2. "Despatch of yesterday withdrawn except as to silver for Philadelphia."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Nevada Bank, San Francisco. July 7th 1876.

Despatch of yesterday withdrawn except as to silver for Philadelphia.

H. R. Linderman. Director.

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Parker Handy, Esq.

24 Nassau St. New York.

July 7th 1876.

Sir:

Acknowledging your favor of yesterday, I have to say, that pending the final disposition of the Silver Bills in Congress I cannot give you a definite answer as to the Coinage of Trade Dollars. We will in future, as in the past, do all that we can under the law to meet the public requirements. Our principal coinage for the next few months will necessarily have to be in subsidiary silver coins.

In view of the probable authorizing of a new silver dollar, I directed the new Dies to be prepared some six weeks ago, and the work has so far progressed that we could commence the coinage of the new piece at the Philadelphia Mint with but little delay.

If France & Belgium intend to adhere to the Double Standard, their true policy will be to sell some of their accumulated Gold and shoulder the German surplus. That course would tend strongly to restore at least in part the equilibrium. With the purchases of the U. S. things would steady themselves rapidly, and there would soon be a plethora of gold in London and Germany.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson.

July 7th 1876.

Sir:

Mr. M. V. Davis after his visit to your Mint in April last, informed me that nearly all of the adjusting Balances at your Mint were worn and out of order, and that new ones should be supplied.

I deemed it proper as a matter of protection, not only of your Mint, but of this Office, to procure new Balances and accordingly directed Mr. Troemner to manufacture and forward you six (6) adjusting Balances and a set of fractional weights.

I enclose herewith the receipt of the Express Co., for the box containing the same, and as soon as it has been determined out of what appropriation payment therefor is to be made will forward you duplicate Invoice.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Henry Troemner, Esq.
710 Market St. Philad.a

July 7th 1876.

Sir:

Your bill amounting to $521.50 for adjusting Balances and weights, forwarded to the Mint of the U. S. at Carson, Nev., has been received, and the same will be paid as soon as the appropriations become available.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Messrs. Hummel & Meng July 7th 1876.
Philadelphia.

Gentlemen:

You will please forward to the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, as early as practicable, the following French Clay Crucibles, viz:

No. 12s 200
" 9s 100
Total 300.

As these crucibles are for the use of the Assayer's Dept, by conferring with Mr. Du Bois, Assayer of the Mint in your City, you can learn exactly what is required.

It is understood that these crucibles are to be of the best quality, and to be furnished at the lowest market rate.

You will please pack in such manner as will secure them against breaking.

When you have shipped the same, you will forward your bill in duplicate with Bill Lading to this Office for settlement.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. R. E. Rogers July 7th 1876.
Mint, San Francisco.

Purchase and Ship Castings for Philadelphia Mint Refinery, and send bill to this Office.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Telegram. Superintendent July 7th 1876.
U. S. Assay Office, N. Y.

Seligman offers fifty thousand ounces fine Silver and same amount Doré. You are authorized to purchase former at equivalent of London rate, and the Silver contained in latter at same rate, Seller paying parting charge.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq. July 7th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby confirmed, viz;

"Seligman offers fifty thousand ounces fine Silver, and same amount of Doré. You are authorized to purchase former at equivalent of London rate, and the Silver contained in latter at same rate, Seller paying parting charge."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock July 7th 1876.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your % of expenses for the manufacture of Subsidiary Silver coin for the month of June 1876, has been received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock — July 7th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Sir:

I have this day instructed Prof. R. E. Rogers by telegraph, to purchase and ship complete iron castings for the Refinery of your Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint — July 7th 1876.
Philadc.

Resume operations in full and push coinage of Subsidiary Silver to full capacity.

Teleg. H. R. Linderman.
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock — July 7th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby confirmed:

"Resume operations in full, and push coinage of subsidiary silver to full capacity."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. J. & W. Seligman — July 7th 1876.
Bankers, New York.

See Superintendent Assay Office.

H. R. Linderman. Director.

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To the
Acting Solicitor
Treasury Department.

July 7th, 1876.

Sir;

I enclose herewith for your examination the official Bond of Henry H. Lawrence appointed as Assistant in the Assayers Dept. in the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, Cal.

If found correct please return the same with your approval.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

July 8th, 1876.

Sir:

I learn from Mr. Snowden, the Coiner, that at the time of settlement 71.22 ounces of gold filings were delivered at Standard fineness, owing to the fact that from press of business, there was not time to have them melted and refined.

These filings have since been melted and assayed, showing a loss of 7.246 standard ounces, which loss will properly be included in the wastage for the fiscal year ended June 30th, 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock — July 8th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

The Selby Smelting Co. of San Francisco, having agreed to tonghen in future, all their silver sold to the Government by the Nevada Bank, you will therefore receive from the Bank any consignments of Selby Bars which they may ship in filling purchases.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock — July 8th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philad.a

Sir:

On and after the tenth instant Silver parted from gold deposits will be paid for at the rate of ninety three cents per ounce standard in gold coin.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to
Thos. C. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office.
New York.

Telegram. Superintendent — July 8th 1876.
Assay Office, N. Y.

At what rate can silver now on your market be purchased. Answer as early as possible by telegraph.

H. R. Linderman. Director.

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Telegram. Nevada Bank July 8th. 1876.

San Francisco.

London rate yesterday forty seven pence nominal equivalent in U. S. Money with sterling exchange at four ninety and a half, is one hundred and three and eighty four hundredths cents per ounce fine. The London rate on date of sale must be the basis of the price, and if there has been any change since yesterday, modify accordingly.

H. R. Lindermann
Director.

N. H. Marsten, Esq. July 8th. 1876.

Cashier Nevada Bank
San Francisco.

Sir;

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby confirmed, viz: "London rate yesterday forty seven pence nominal equivalent in U. S. Money with Sterling exchange at four ninety and a half, is one hundred and three and eighty four hundredths cents per ounce fine. The London rate on date of sale must be the basis of the price, and if there has been any change since yesterday modify accordingly."

Very respectfully
H. R. Lindermann
Director.

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Telegram. Superintendent Mint July 8th. 1876.
San Francisco.

Nevada Bank will deliver Doré bullion at your Mint sufficient to produce seven hundred and fifty thousand ounces fine silver, which you will pay for at the rate of one hundred and four and one half cents per ounce fine for silver contained. Seller pays parting charge. Coin gold as rapidly as practicable to pay for this silver.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange Esq. July 8th. 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby confirmed, viz:

"Nevada Bank will deliver Doré bullion at your Mint sufficient to produce seven hundred and fifty thousand ounces fine silver, which you will pay for at the rate of one hundred and four and one half cents per ounce fine for silver contained. Seller pays parting charge. Coin gold as rapidly as practicable to pay for this silver."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Telegram. Superintendent Mint July 8th 1876.
San Francisco.

On and after tenth instant silver parted from Gold deposits will be paid for at the rate of ninety-three cents per ounce standard in gold coin.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar telegram sent to
Superintendent Mint Assayer in Charge
Carson, Nevada. Mint, Denver
Col.

O. H. La Grange, Esq. July 8th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby confirmed, viz:

"On and after tenth instant Silver parted from gold deposits will be paid for at the rate of ninety-three cents per ounce standard in gold coin."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to
Jas. Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson.

J. F. L. Schirmer, Esq.
Assayer in Charge
U. S. Mint, Denver.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq. July 8th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

As copper can now be purchased at low rates, and the probabilities being that the price will advance in the fall, I think it highly important that advantage should be taken of the present low market, and I will thank you to furnish this Office with an estimate of the quantity of copper that will be required at your Mint during the current fiscal year.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

Similar letter addressed to
James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson.

Telegram. Nevada Bank July 8th 1876.
San Francisco.

Offer for Philadelphia too high – We will take it at equivalent of London rate, deliverable in Philadelphia.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

N. K. Masten, Esq. July 8th 1876.
Cashier, Nevada Bank
San Francisco.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby confirmed:
"Offer for Philadelphia too high –

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Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint July 8th 1876.
Carson Nevada.

Nevada Bank will deliver Doré bullion at your Mint sufficient to produce three hundred thousand ounces fine Silver, which you will pay for at the rate of one hundred and four and one half cents per ounce fine for silver contained, Seller pays parting charge.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford Esq. July 8th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint, Carson.

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H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Prof. R. E. Rogers, July 8th 1876.
Mint, San Francisco.

Upon the condition stated in your dispatch of yesterday Selby Silver will be received at Philad.a Mint. Notify Nevada Bank.

H. R. Linderman. Director

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Director of the Mint
Paris, France.

July 8th. 1876.

Sir:

The important alteration which has recently taken place in the relative value of gold and silver, renders it necessary that we should have the fullest and most reliable information in relation to the stock of gold and silver respectively, in the form of coin and Bullion now on hand in the principal countries of the world.

I shall be greatly indebted if you will give me such information as you may deem to be consistent with your Official relations, and feel inclined to furnish on the following points:

1. What is the amount of Gold Coin and Bullion in your country?
2. What is the amount of Silver Coin and Bullion in your country?
3. What is the amount of outstanding paper currency?
4. What is the discount on paper money as against gold and silver respectively?

This subject is one of almost universal interest, and I intend to furnish such information in relation to it as I may be able to procure, in my next Annual Report, and if agreeable to you, your reply will be printed in the same.

With sentiments of respectful esteem
I am your ob't Servant
H. R. Linderman
Director

Similar letter addressed to — — —

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Director of the Mint
St. Petersburg, Russia.

Director of the Mint
Vienna, Austria.

Director of the Mint
Rome, Italy.

Director of the Mint,
Berlin, Germany.

July 8th. 1876.

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With sentiments
(over)

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of respectful esteem, I am
Your obt Servt
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to

Director of the Mint
Stockholm, Sweden.

Director of the Mint
Brussels, Belgium.

Director of the Mint
The Hague. The Netherlands.

Director of the Mint
Lisbon, Portugal.

Director of the Mint
Copenhagen, Denmark.

Hon. C. W. Freemantle,
Deputy Master of the Mint,
London, England.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadª.

July 10th 1876.

Sir:

I have received your Report bearing date July 8th, 1876, of the Inspection and Regulation of the Troy Weights, in ordinary use at your Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Nevada Bank San Francisco.

July 10th 1876.

Proposition of Saturday for sale and delivery at Philadelphia Mint accepted. Please state approximately how long it will take to complete all deliveries.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Telegram. Superintendent U. S. Assay Office July 10th 1876.
New York.

You are authorized to purchase one hundred thousand ounces fine silver at lowest market rate, and not exceeding equivalent of London rate.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq. July 10th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby confirmed, viz: "You are authorized to purchase one hundred thousand ounces fine silver at lowest market rate, and not exceeding equivalent of London rate."

We made a purchase on Friday last of 750,000 ounce fine silver @ 103.84 per ounce fine, to be delivered at the Philadelphia Mint, free of charge.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq. July 10th 1876
Supt. Mint U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 1st inst. transmitting Statement of Annual Settlement of Accounts of the Operative Officers of your Mint for the fiscal year ended June 30th 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman Director.

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Telegram. Prof. R. E. Rogers, July 15th 1876.

Mint, San Francisco.

When you see the Mint, particularly the Coining Department in good running order and in connection with the Superintendent have examined and arrived at conclusion as to qualification number of employés, and rate of compensation, proceed to Carson. I have no further instructions.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock July 15th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 10th inst, in which you ask if in the absence of the regular Appropriations, and under the pressure of circumstances you are at liberty to make payments on a/c of Salaries and Wages, or either of them out of moneys advanced you for the Coinage of Silver, for the redemption of fractional currency, I would state in reply that there is no objection, under the circumstances, to your making advances to the Workmen and Clerks, from this fund, and replacing the same when the regular appropriations are provided.

Congress has again passed a bill extending the appropriations for ten day longer on the same basis as those for the last fiscal year, which covers all the Ordinary Expenses of the Government, including Salaries, Wages

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and Contingent Expenses of the Mints, and I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to issue his warrant on the Treasurer of the U. S. in your favor, for the sum of four thousand dollars ($4000.) on a/c of Contingent Expenses for 1877, that being the approximate amount that can be advanced you under the Acts of June 30th. and July 15th. 1876.

It is confidently expected that the regular appropriations will all be made within the next ten days, and as soon as they are made, advances will be made you on a/c of Salaries and Wages, both of which are however provided for in the Acts of June 30th. and July 15th. for the period of 20 days.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

July 17th. 1876.

Sir:

I transmit herewith a Quarter dollar, split in the process of manufacture, and for which I will thank you to send a perfect piece by return mail.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

July 11th 1876.

Sir:

On account of the limited appropriations and the necessity which exists for the coinage of Subsidiary Silver for the redemption of fractional currency, we shall have to confine our Silver coinage, for the present at least, to subsidiary coin.

You will therefore inform parties desirous of depositing Silver for coinage into Trade Dollars, that it is uncertain as to the time when the Mints may be able to make returns for the same.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to

Thos. C. Acton Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

James Crawford Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint, San Francisco.

July 11th 1876.

Sir:

The Bond of Henry H. Lawrence, recently appointed as Assist. Assayer in your Mint, has been duly approved, and placed on file.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman. Director

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Telegram. Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco.

July 11th 1876.

The provision in the pending appropriation Bill authorizing application of charges on Refining to payment of expenses of the operation having been acted on favorably by both Houses is not subject to amendment. We think it advisable to commence Refining immediately. Five thousand dollars on account of Contingent Expenses will be advanced today.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. La Grange, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint, San Francisco.

July 11th 1876.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby confirmed, viz: "The provision in the pending appropriation bill, authorizing application of charges on refining to payment of expenses of the operation having been acted on favorably by both houses, is not subject to amendment. We think it advisable to commence Refining immediately. Five thousand dollars on account of Contingent Expenses will be advanced you today."

In the above telegram you were informed that $5000. would be advanced you on account of Contingent Expenses, but when the calculation came to be made it was found that only $4,700. could be advanced you, that sum being the pro rata amount to which you would be entitled to, on the basis of the appropriation for the last fiscal year for twenty days, as provided by the acts of Congress approved June 30th and July 15th 1876.

Very respectfully H. R. Linderman. Director

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.

July 11th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to issue his Warrant on the Treasurer of the U. S. in your favor, for the sum of four thousand seven hundred dollars ($4,700.) on account of Contingent Expenses of your Mint, as provided for in Acts of June 30th 1876, July 10th 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Dr. R. E. Rogers.

July 11th 1876.

(Private)

Sir:

In view of the large amount of silver coinage which we expect to execute for some months to come, and of offers made for the sale of foreign silver, it is important that we should be correctly advised as to the probably monthly product of the Comstock Mines for, say the next six months.

You will please therefore make the necessary inquiries upon the subject, and if required, make a visit to the principal producing mines of the Comstock Ledge.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Telegram.

Prof. R. E. Rogers July 11th 1876.

Mint, San Francisco.

Cipher message duly received. We should know what amount of silver Comstock Mines will probably produce per month up to January. This for official purposes. Have information sent by letter.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq. July 11th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to issue his Warrant on the Treasurer of the U. S. in your favor for the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars ($2,500.) on account of Contingent Expenses of your Office, for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1877, as provided by Acts of Congress approved June 30th and July 15th 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq. July 11th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 10th inst. transmitting a Statement of the Business of your Office, for the fiscal year ended June 30th 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Thos. C. Acton, Esq. July 11th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

Your letter of the 10th inst. enclosing detailed Statement of Doré Silver, purchased from the Nevada Bank of San Francisco, has been received.

You will instruct the Assayer to retain the duplicate granulations in his possession for the present.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq. July 11th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 10th inst, transmitting a classified Statement of business for June 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. R. W. Taylor July 11th 1876.
1st Comptroller
Treasury Dept.

Sir:

I enclose herewith, for file in your Office, the Official Bond of Henry H. Lawrence, Esq. appointed as Assistant Assayer in the Mint of the U. S. at San Francisco. Cal.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director

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Hon. L. M. Morrill
Secretary of the Treasury.

July 11th 1876.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will issue your Warrant on the Treasurer of the U. S. in favor of James Pollock, Supt. of the Mint of the U. S. Philadª, for the sum of four thousand dollars ($4000) on account of Contingent Expenses of said Mint, for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1877, as provided in Act of June 30th 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. L. M. Morrill
Secretary of the Treasury.

July 11th 1876.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will issue your Warrant on the Treasurer of the U. S. in favor of James Crawford, Supt. of the Mint of the U. S., Carson, Nev., for the sum of five thousand dollars ($5000.) on account of Contingent Expenses of said Mint, for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1877, as provided in Act of June 30th 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. L. M. Morrill July 11th 1876.
Secretary of the Treasury.
Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will issue your Warrant on the Treasurer of the U. S. in favor of Thomas B. Acton, Supt. of the U. S. Assay Office at New York, for the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars ($2,500.) on account of Contingent Expenses of said Assay Office for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1877, as provided in Act of June 30th 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. L. M. Morrill July 11th 1876.
Secretary of the Treasury.
Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will issue your Warrant on the Treasurer of the U. S. in favor of C. H. La Grange, Supt. of the Mint of the U. S. at San Francisco, for the sum of four thousand seven hundred dollars ($4,700) on account of Contingent Expenses of said Mint for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1877, as provided in Act of June 30th 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Jas. Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

July 11th. 1876.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury, to issue his Warrant on the Treasurer of the U. S. in your favor for the sum of five thousand dollars ($5000.) on a/c of Contingent Expenses of your Mint for the current fiscal year, as provided by Acts of Congress, approved June 30th. and July 10th. 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. & W. Seligman & Co.

July 11th. 1876.

Gentlemen;

I have received your letter of yesterday inquiring how soon the Mint at Philadelphia could coin 50 to 100,000 Trade Dollars.

In reply, I have to inform you that on account of the limited appropriations available, and the urgent demand for the coinage of subsidiary silver for redemption of fractional currency, we cannot undertake immediately to coin any Trade Dollars.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Isaac Sherman, Esq. July 11th 1876.

#18 West 20th St. New York.

Dear Sir:

I had the pleasure of receiving your valuable favor of the 8th inst.

I will bear your suggestion in mind in reference to Mr. George Walker, and if the Convention should be called, will give full consideration to your recommendation.

I am always glad to hear from you, and to receive your suggestions concerning Coinage and financial matters.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Jos. Wharton, Esq. July 11th 1876.

Camden, N. J.

Sir:

I have your letter of yesterday inquiring as to the time when further supplies of nickel may be required.

We have no statement here as to the amount on hand, and I therefore refer you to the Philadelphia Mint.

In connection with the probable demand for nickel, I would say, that it is likely that the Venezuelian Government, through W. G. Bomelton of your City, will have a lot of nickel coins made at the Mint in Philada.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Jas. Crawford Eng.

July 12th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson.

Sir:

I am advised by the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia of the shipment to you of the following dies in filling your requisition of June 12th:

12 Obverse quarter dollar.
" reverse " "
18 obverse half "
12 reverse " "

I also transmit a copy of a letter from the Engraver to the Superintendent in relation to alleged defects in a former lot of dies sent to your Mint.

I suggest in this connection that in future if you desire any defects remedied it would be better to specifically state what constitutes such defects.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford Eng.

July 12th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson.

Sir:

I have this day transmitted to the Accounting Officers for examination and settlement your accounts of Ordinary Expenses and Manufacture of Subsidiary Silver coin for the month of May 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson.

July 12th 1876.

Sir:

Referring to your account of expenses for the manufacture of Subsidiary Silver coin for the month of May 1876, your attention is respectfully called to an error in Voucher No. 116½ in favor of Hootman & Rodenback, for Charcoal, viz: 2379 bushels @ 27½ amounts to $654.22; the Voucher clerk of your Mint has carried out only $642.33 as the amount due, and which is an error against the parties of $11.89 in coin, to which the difference with currency at .89½ is to be added.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Jas. Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson.

July 12th 1876.

Sir:

The results of your Annual Settlement are very favorable and entirely satisfactory.

They show care and fidelity in the handling and working of the precious metals by the Operative Officers, their Assistants and Workmen, and reflect credit on your management.

Please give the several Operative Officers, copies of this letter.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Jas. Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson.

July 12th 1876.

Sir:

I have received your Statements of Melter & Refiner's Gold and Silver Workings for the month of June 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

July 12th 1876.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for your information, a copy of a note from the Hon. Secretary of State to the Secretary of the Treasury, in relation to the Coinage of certain nickel pieces for the Government of Venezuela.

Should application be made to you for this coinage, you will refer the same to this office, together with an estimate of the actual cost of manufacturing such coin, and your opinion on any other point connected with the details of the transaction upon which it may be necessary for this Office to act.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

July 15th 1876.

Sir:

The Nevada Bank will complete at an early day, the delivery at your Mint, the balance of fine silver on account of purchase of 1.500.000. ounces.

On the 7th inst. we purchased of the Nevada Bank of San Francisco 750.000. ounces fine Silver, to be delivered at your Mint, free of charge, at the rate of 103.84 per ounce fine, payable in gold coin.

We will have your Bullion Fund increased by a transfer of $800.000. in Gold Coin, and the amount placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer at New York.

We will shortly transfer from the New York Assay Office, 100.000. ounces fine Silver to your Mint.

Should you be likely to fall short of Silver, please advise this Office without delay, in order that the necessary steps may be taken to avoid such an occurrence.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Jas. Pollock, Esq.

July 12th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint, Philadª.

Sir:

On the 6th inst, I transmitted to you for payment, the accounts of H. C. Stier, and Fred. Eckfeldt for expenses incurred in attending the Annual Settlement at your Mint.

Mr. Eckfeldt's account, I am informed has been paid, but that of Mr. Stier has not. I will thank you to give this matter your attention, and if you have not sufficient funds in your Contingent Fund for the past fiscal year to pay same, you are authorized to pay the amount from the fund in your hands, for the "Coinage of Silver for the redemption of fractional currency".

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

July 12th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I send you by today's express, a small bar of Doré Silver.

I will thank you to have the value of the same returned in coin to this Office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Robt B. Vance, July 12th 1876.

N. C.

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging your note of yesterday respecting the appropriation for the Charlotte N. C. Assay Office, I am of the opinion that it will be best to modify the appropriation so that it will read as follows:

Assay Office at Charlotte, N. C.

For Salaries of Assayer and Melter, Eleven Hundred dollars each; for labor and other expenses, Five hundred dollars; in all, two thousand seven hundred dollars.

This arrangement does not increase the item, and will enable us to carry on Assaying according to the provisions of the Coinage Act of 1873.

If you will take the trouble to speak with Mr. Randall upon the subject, he will no doubt have the alteration made.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Nevada Bank, July 12th 1876.

San Francisco.

Am awaiting reply to my inquiry of tenth instant as to time in which you will probably complete all deliveries.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. L. R. Bradley — July 12th 1876.

Governor of Nevada.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your kind favor of the 5th inst. stating that the Report of the Bullion produced for the last quarter of the fiscal year ending June 30th 1876 will not be made and filed before the 15th of August, and you ask if that will be early enough, and also whether we desire a Report showing the production of each mine for each County of the State.

If we receive the Statement by Oct. 1st it will be in time for incorporation in my next Report.

You may give the production of each County.

If the returns do not give the amount included in matt and or shipped to the East, I would like if possible to obtain an approximate Statement of the same, my desire being to furnish a comprehensive Statement of the total bullion production of your State.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq. — July 12th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

Your account of Ordinary Expenses for the month of June 1876, has been received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director

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Thos. C. Acton Esq.

July 15th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir;

I will thank you to inform me how soon the 100.000 ounces fine silver purchased by you on 6th inst. will be ready for transfer to the Philadelphia Mint. It is desirable that the transfer should be made at an early day.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. L. M. Morrill

July 15th 1876.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the bullion fund of the Mint of the U. S. at Philadelphia be increased Eight hundred thousand dollars ($800.000/) by a transfer of that amount in gold coin, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of the Mint, with the Assist. Treasurer U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

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O. H. La Grange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

July 15th 1876.

Sir:

The results of your Annual Settlement are very favorable and entirely satisfactory. They show care and fidelity in the handling and working of the precious metals by the Operative Officers, their Assistants and Workmen, and reflect credit on your management.

Please give copies of this letter to the several Operative Officers.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

D. W. Mahon, Esq.
1st Auditor.

July 15th 1876.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the account of James Crawford, Supt. Mint of the U. S. at Carson, Nev. for the manufacture of Subsidiary Silver coin for May 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

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D. W. Maher, Esq. July 15th 1876.
1st Auditor.

Sir;

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Expense Ac of Jas. Crawford, Supt. Mint, U. S. at Carson, Nev, for the month of June 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint, July 13th 1876.
San Francisco.

Exchange of unparted bullion for fine bars may be resumed and continued on basis last authorized and according to provisions of Section forty six coinage Act, until further notice.

H. R. Linderman.
Director.

O. H. La Grange, Esq. July 13th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint, San Francisco.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby confirmed: "Exchange of unparted bullion for fine bars may be resumed and continued on basis last authorized and according to provisions of Section forty-six Coinage Act, until further notice."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Telegram.

Superintendent Mint
San Francisco.

July 15th 1876.

The law will not allow us to refuse deposits for trade dollars, but in the present state of the appropriations and the demand for gold and subsidiary coin, Depositors for trade dollars must await the convenience of the Mint, until further advised. Run exclusively on gold and subsidiary silver coins.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. La Grange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

July 15th 1876.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby confirmed, viz:

"The law will not allow us to refuse deposits for trade dollars, but in the present state of the appropriations and the demand for gold and subsidiary coin depositors for trade dollars must await the convenience of the Mint. Until further advised run exclusively on gold and subsidiary silver coins."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Telegram. Superintendent Mint, July 13th 1876.
San Francisco.

If appropriations are not made by twenty-fifth instant, funds will be forwarded to meet wages and Incidentals for this month. Continue necessary force and push the gold and Subsidiary Silver Coinage. What will your coinage amount to this month.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. La Grange, Esq. July 13th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby confirmed:

"If appropriations are not made by twenty fifth instant, funds will be forwarded to meet wages and incidentals for this month. Continue necessary force and push the gold and Subsidiary Silver Coinage. What will your coinage amount to for this month."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Kellogg, President Pacific Refinery, July 13th 1876.
San Francisco. Cal.

Exchange authorized to be resumed and continued until further notice on terms of last agreement. See Superintendent La Grange.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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J. G. Kellogg, Esq.

July 13th 1876.

Pres't Pacific Refinery.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby confirmed:

"Exchange authorized to be resumed and continued until further notice on terms of last agreement. See Superintendent La Grange."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

July 13th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

I will thank you to inform this Office when you will probably complete refining the Doré bullion recently delivered at your Office by the Nevada Bank of San Francisco.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Hon. Jas. Pollock,

July 13th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint, Philad.a

Sir:

Your Medal % for the quarter ending June 30th 1876, has been received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock — July 13th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of yesterday, I have to state that no letter has been received at this Office from you relative to the a/c of Mr. Eier.

You were written yesterday relative to this accounts.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Superintendent Mint — July 13th 1876.
Carson, Nev.

Orders drawn for transfer of two hundred thousand dollars, halves and quarters in equal proportions. Ship as soon as drafts are presented.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

D. W. Mahone, Esq. — July 13th 1876.
1st Auditor.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the a/c of James Pollock, Supt. Mint, U. S. Philadelphia, for the manufacture of Medals for the quarter ending June 30th 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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D. W. Mahon, Esq.
1st. Auditor.

July 13th. 1876.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ac of James Pollock, Supt. Mint, U. S. Philadelphia, for manufacture of Subsidiary Silver coin for the month of June 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

D. W. Mahon, Esq.
1st. Auditor.

July 13th. 1876.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary Expense Ac of Thos. C. Acton, Supt. U. S. Assay Office, New York, for the month of June 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

D. W. Mahon, Esq.
1st. Auditor.

July 13th. 1876.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary Expenses Ac of O. H. La Grange, Supt. of the Mint U. S. San Francisco, for the month of May 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

July 14th. 1876.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of yesterday I would state that the balance in your hands on account of Wages of Workmen for the last fiscal year is not applicable to the payment of Wages for the current fiscal year.

The Acts of June 30th. and July 10th. 1876, simply make appropriations for twenty days, on the same basis as the appropriations for last fiscal year.

Should the appropriations not be made early in the coming week, an advance of $13.000. the pro rata to which you would be entitled to have under the Acts above referred to, will be made you on account of Wages of Workmen, and also $10.000. on account of the "Coinage of Silver for redemption of fractional Currency", out of which you can make payments on account of Wages of Workmen and Contingent Expenses.

The amount $10.000. heretofore advanced you on account of the Coinage of Silver and the amount $4000. which you were advised on the 12th. inst, would be made you, are not in any sense to be regarded as a temporary loan, and are not to be replaced when the regular appropriations are made.

The first is to be expended by you for any legitimate expense attending the Coinage of Silver, and the latter sum is to be treated as an advance

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from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint during the current fiscal year.

We would like very much to avoid drawing upon the Silver Fund and run the Mints upon the regular appropriations, but if it should be necessary to use that fund, we will do so without hesitation.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock — July 14th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint, Philad.a.

Sir:

I herewith return for correction the Coiner's Official Report of Coinage executed during the fiscal year ended June 30th 1876.

The value given for the quarter eagles and quarter dollars not agreeing with the number of pieces, rendering it uncertain whether the error is in the number of pieces or the value.

As this Statement appears in the Annual Report of the Director, it is important that due care be exercised in its preparation.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

July 14th. 1876.

Sir:

I enclose herewith a copy of a portion of a letter from Mr. M. V. Davis of the San Francisco Mint, and have to request that the blank forms therein asked for, will be transmitted to him without delay.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

July 14th. 1876.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 13th. inst. enclosing a Statement of Medals and Proof Sets, manufactured and sold for the fiscal year ended June 30th. 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philad.a

July 14th. 1876.

Sir:

Your letter of the 13th. inst. enclosing statement of old materials sold during the quarter ending June 30th. 1876, has been received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Telegram. Prof. R. E. Rogers July 14th 1876.

Mint San Francisco.

The provisions in Legislative Appropriation bill makes it obligatory on the Mints to refine bullion and it will no doubt pass in that form. Until the bill becomes a law I thought the Superintendent should not complicate matters by incurring large obligations for materials for refining for depositors and deeming it unadvisable to allow crude bullion to accumulate authorized temporary exchanges under existing law. The parting of the Government deri bullion must be done by the Mint and should proceed immediately, funds for which are provided by law.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

H. G. Nolton, Esq. July 14th 1876.

Cash'r Bank of Commerce, Buffalo.

Sir:

Your letter of the 11th inst. addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, in which you make inquiry whether Subsidiary Silver Coin can be coined for deposits has been referred to this Office for reply.

Under existing laws subsidiary silver coins are manufactured exclusively on Government account.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Messrs. Jas. B. Colgate, and Co.
47 Wall St. New York.

July 14th. 1876.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of yesterday, I have to inform you, that deposits which have already been made for Trade Dollars will be coined as speedily as practicable. In regard to those which may be made hereafter, I have to say, that the state of the appropriations, and the demand for Subsidiary Silver Coin will render some delay in making returns in Trade Dollars, unavoidable.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. C. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

July 14th. 1876.

Sir;

Your letter of yesterday in relation to the transfer of Silver recently purchased, has been received.

It is not intended that the refining or transfer of bullion should interfere with the usual course in completing the Annual Settlement.

You will transfer the bars of the last two purchases, the Doré from the Bank of Nevada, and the purchase from Mr. Handy, to the Philad.a Mint for Coinage, as rapidly as the same can be conveniently parted.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman. Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

July 14th. 1876.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 6th. inst. transmitting a Report of the Coinage executed for the fiscal year ended June 30th. 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
San Francisco.

July 14th. 1876.

Sir:

I enclose herewith copy of a letter addressed you by this Office, under date of May 15th. 1876, to which no reply has been received.

Your early attention is requested.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

D. W. Mahon, Esq.
1st. Auditor.

July 14th. 1876.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Bullion Acct of Thos. C. Acton, Supt. U. S. Assay Office New York, for the quarter ending March 31st. 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. R. C. McCormick July 14th 1876.

Sir:

I am this day in receipt of a letter and drawings addressed to you from Boston, and which are subject to your orders.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Jno. Hitz, Esq. July 14th 1876.

Consul General of Switzerland.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 13th inst. transmitting a copy of the valuable and interesting Report of Mr. Herzog, respecting the proceedings of the Monetary Conference at Paris, and for which, please accept my thanks.

I take pleasure in sending to you, for Mr. Herzog, a copy of my Annual Report for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1873.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq. July 15th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

Your letter of the 14th inst. enclosing Statement of the Operations of your Office for the quarter ending June 30th 1876, has been received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman.
Director.

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Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

July 15th. 1876.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 14th. inst. in reference to re-working Sweeps before final settlement, and have to say that your course in the matter is approved of.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.

July 15th. 1876.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson.

Sir:

I return herewith Voucher in favor of Wells Fargo & Co's Express for transportation of $200.000. in Silver Coin from Carson to St. Louis, belonging to your bullion account for the quarter ending March 31st. 1876, that it may be properly receipted by T. C. Pinckney as Attorney in fact.

Your early attention is requested.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint

July 15th. 1876.

Carson, Nevada.

State by telegraph the probable amount of your Silver coinage for this month.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

July 15th 1876.

Sir:

This will be handed to you by Mr. F. Mannlicher Mechanical Engineer and Member of the Austrian Commission to the Centennial.

Mr. Mannlicher has sketches and plans of an Automatic Balance for adjusting planchets and coin.

I desire that you will place him in communication with your Coiner, Mr. Snowden, who will carefully examine the plans and ascertain as far as he may be able, the merits of the machine, its adaptability to the requirements of the Mints, and also whether there is sufficient room for placing such a balance, in case one should be procured.

I desire that Mr. Snowden should make through you a full report on the subject to this Office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philad.a

July 15th 1876.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 14th inst. transmitting Monthly Statements for June 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman - Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock July 15th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint, Philadª.

Sir:

I have your letter of yesterday in reference to working overtime while the weather is so excessively warm.

I do not desire to overtax your employés and leave the subject of overtime to your discretion, so long as the present state of the temperature continues.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock July 15th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadª.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 14th inst, relative to the small bar of Doré assayed, and also the proceeds of the same per Express.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock July 15th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint, Philª.

Sir:

Your letter of the 13th inst, transmitting Coiner's Reports of Medals and Proof Coins for the quarter ending June 30th 1876, has been received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Chas. Saffray M. D. July 15th 1876.

Office - French Commission.

Sir:

In response to your letter of the 14th inst, requesting to be furnished with such documents as I have at my disposal relative to the production of Gold and Silver, I send you by today's mail, Copies of my Annual Reports for 1873 & 1875.

The subject of the relative values of gold and Silver is one of universal interest, and I should be pleased to receive any information relating to it which you may be able to furnish.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Messrs. Pixley and Abell July 15th 1876.

Bullion Brokers, London,

Gentlemen:

I have before me your very valuable table showing the monthly fluctuations in the price of bar Silver pr. ounce standard, from January 1833 to December 1875.

I shall esteem it a great favor if you will send me by mail such printed tables or Statements as will show the monthly fluctuations from January 1876 to the present time.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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J. T. L. Schirmer, Esq.
Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Mint, Denver.

July 15th, 1876.

Sir:

As per request contained in your letter of the 10th inst., I send you by todays mail, 20 Blank Copies of Requisitions for Funds.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. T. L. Schirmer, Esq.
Assayer in Chg. Mint, U. S.
Denver.

July 17th, 1876.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 11th inst. reporting to this Office the result of the Annual testing of the Weights, employed in the transaction of business at your Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

M. V. Davis, Esq.
Special Employé, Mint
San Francisco.

July 17th, 1876.

Sir:

I enclose herewith for your information, a copy of a letter of even date, addressed to the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Thos. C. Acton Esq.

July 17th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

Referring to the purchase of Doré Bullion made in San Francisco in June 1875, and refined at your Office in August of the same year, I have now to call your attention to the reclamation made against your Office for alleged errors in assay of the gold contained, amounting to $19,067.$\frac{81}{100}$.

In order to bring the essential facts bearing upon the case, the more readily to your attention, I will briefly refer to its history.

The Director's attention to the difference in assay was first invited during his visit to San Francisco in August last, when the returns from your Office were received at the San Francisco Mint. He informed the sellers of the Bullion, that after his return to Washington, he would cause an examination of the assays to be made.

In accordance with this understanding, the Director soon after his return to the East, sent Messrs. Davis and Eckfeldt of this Office to examine the subject at New York. After their report (Exhibit A) was received, Prof. Rogers was instructed to examine the same subject, and on Oct. 16th last, submitted a report (B) giving the result of his examination.

Subsequently to the receipt of the report of Prof. Rogers, you were instructed

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to send the reserved samples of this bullion to the Philadelphia Mint for test assay. After the arrival at Philadelphia of these samples, Mr. E. Eckfeldt was detailed to supervise on the part of this Office, the Assays to be made, and on the 16th December, reported the result in detail. (c).

In February I was advised that the reserved samples of the original bars, were in process of test assay at the Mint in San Francisco. The Assayers report (d) is enclosed.

In view of my promise of August last, to have this subject thoroughly examined, and desiring that it should be closed without further delay, I wrote the Supt. at San Francisco, that if the Sellers thought proper, they might submit a reclamation for such amount as they might think justly due them.

The papers covering the case herein referred to, are transmitted for your examination. After you shall have carefully read these papers, I will thank you for an expression of your views as to what portion of the reclamation should be allowed, and as to the mode of payment, and accounting for the same.

The necessary examination of so important a question has consumed nearly a year, and I will thank you to give the matter your attention at your earliest convenience.

You will return with your report all the papers herewith transmitted, re-

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taining copies if you should think proper, for file in your Office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

July 17th 1876.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th inst, in reference to returns for Trade Dollars, and to say that we will endeavor to coin sufficient to make returns to depositors as early as possible.

We shall give definite orders on the subject as soon as the Bill repealing the legal tender of the Trade Dollar, and placing its issue under the control of the Secretary of the Treasury, shall have been acted on by the Executive.

My object was to prevent as far as practicable an accumulation of these deposits in advance of the passage of the Bill above referred to.

I think you have done all you could in aiding me to that end.

The weather is so warm that the capacity of the Philadelphia Mint is somewhat abridged, and in addition to this, the demand for small coin renders it impracticable to return Trade Dollars as rapidly as otherwise we could do.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Joseph C. Grubb, Esq. July 17th 1876.
of Messrs. J. C. Grubb & Co.
#712 Market St, Philadelphia.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your favor of the 15th inst, also a copy of your remarks before the National Board of Trade, for which you will please accept my thanks.

The best estimates of the production of Bullion from the Mines of the United States during the fiscal year ending June 30th 1875, was from $70,000,000. to $75,000,000. of which about $40,000,000. was Gold.

The production of the last fiscal year no doubt exceeds that of the previous year, - precisely how much, I am unable at this time to advise you, but at a rough estimate, I should say the excess amounted to $10,000,000.

As soon as the Statistics on this subject shall have reached me, I will take pleasure in communicating the same to you.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

D. W. Mahon, Esq. July 17th 1876.
1st Auditor.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the account of O. H. La Grange, Supt. Mint, U. S. San Francisco, for disbursements, on account of the manufacture of Silver Coin, during the month of May 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman. Director.

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O. H. LaFrange, Esq.

July 17th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I acknowledge your letter of the 7th inst, in relation to changes in the force of adjusters, and stating that except in the case of Mrs. Bond, all the ladies named have for sometime past been performing duty as substitutes in place of those whom they are now named to succeed, and that the changes in no manner brings new hands to the work.

I understand by this that those who are now reported as having resigned and whose names appear on the pay roll as employés, have not for some time past performed the duties appertaining to their positions, and that those whose appointments are now submitted have been in process of education.

It appears to me that a moments reflection will satisfy you of the irregularity of this proceeding and that it abrogates for the time being, the functions of the Director of the Mint in connection with appointments.

The 4th Section of the Coinage Act of 1873, requires the Operative Officers to recommend and nominate in writing and in employing such persons, the Section expressly provides that the Superintendent shall forthwith report to the Director of the Mint, the names of all such persons appointed by him

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and the grounds for the appointment.

Instead of these requirements of law having been observed, it appears that inexperienced persons were assigned to duty in the Adjusting Room without appointment in conformity with law.

In future no assignment to duty of substitutes will be allowed.

I will thank you to inform me how long these persons have been performing duty as substitutes, and to what extent the practice has been allowed in the Mint.

You are herewith instructed in all cases of appointments and removals to immediately report the same to this Office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. La Grange, Esq. July 17th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 7th inst. covering papers relating to reclamation on the part of G. A. Garnett, and Chas. H. Fish.

The subject will receive the early attention of this Office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. La Grange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

July 17th 1876.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 7th inst, transmitting papers covering the reclamation of Rheim, Hemmet & Co.

In your telegram of the 23d ult, you refer to my letter of January 7th and request me to authorize payment of this reclamation, on the basis of Philadelphia Mint Assays.

A reference to the correspondence will show that you transferred directly to the Philadelphia Mint samples for test assay, and that you simply asked this Office to authorize those assays to be made without mentioning the Depositors' name, and that after the result of those assays were reported to you, we heard nothing further until your telegram of the 23d ult.

In reply to that telegram, I wrote you on the 24th ult, that all papers in connection with the case must be submitted to this Office before any instructions could be given.

In the meantime it appears that you have settled the reclamation on your own responsibility. The matter will now of course go to the accounting Officers for their respective action under the law.

Meanwhile I do not feel called upon to further refer to the subject except to say that in all cases which

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are outside of the usual course of business and including cases of this kind, they should be submitted to the Director for his examination and instructions, if he should find it necessary to give any.

Your letter of the 7th inst, and enclosures will be transmitted to the Accounting Officers, with the accounts embracing this transaction, when the same shall have been received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. La Grange, Esq. July 17th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint, San Francisco.

Sir:

Your letter of the 8th inst, enclosing Certificate of Deposit for $2,191.75, the same being proceeds of Sweep and Flux Bars, for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1876, has been received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. La Grange, Esq. July 17th 1876.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

Your Subsidiary Coinage and Ordinary Expenses a/cs, for the month of June 1876, have been received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq. July 17th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

Your letter of the 7th inst, returning Voucher No. 730 of your Subsidiary Coinage account for the month of May 1876, and enclosing letter of the Assayer relative to the price paid for one No. 12 Oertling Assay Balance, has been received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

George Walker, Esq. July 17th 1876.
Box 787, New York.

Sir:

In response to your letter of the 14th inst, requesting to be furnished with a copy of the present law respecting Mints and Coinage, I send you by today's mail, a copy of Official Instructions and Regulations containing the Coinage Act of 1873.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Cashier Mint July 17th 1876.
Philadelphia.

Definite instructions in a day or two as to Trade Dollar returns.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Jno. G. Kershaw Esq. July 17th 1876.
Rm 25, Forrest Bldg. Phil.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 14th inst, requesting an appointment for your young friend.

With every disposition to oblige you, I regret to say it is not in my power to do so. The Silver bill does not necessitate an increase of force, on the contrary the state of the appropriations will require that shortly a reduction must be made.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock. July 17th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your letter of the 15th inst, enclosing certificate of deposit for $1391.88 on account of unexpended balance of Ordinary appropriation for the year ending June 30th 1876, has been received.

I will thank you to inform this office, the specific appropriation to which the above sum belongs.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

July 17th 1876.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 15th inst, transmitting a Report of Coinage executed for the week ending July 15th and also Corrected Report of Coinage executed during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

S. A. Walpin, Esq.
Chief Clerk, Office of Indian Affairs.
Interior Department.

July 18th 1876.

My dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of yesterday making request for passes into the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia.

As all visitors are admitted into the Mint between the hours of 9 and 12. A. M., you will perceive that a pass from me would be useless; but if you will show this to Superintendent Pollock he will undoubtedly afford you all facilities for a thorough inspection of that institution.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Messrs. Pigly and Abell
Bullion Brokers, 27 Old Broad St. E.C.
London, England.

July 18th. 1876.

Gentlemen:

In order to determine a question which has arisen in making a purchase of Silver here, it is necessary that we should be informed of the actual price or rate at which sales were made in your City on the 7th. and 8th. of July of the present year.

The quotation for the 7th. as cabled here was 47 pence nominal. What we desire is, the price at which transactions were actually made on the days named.

If you will be so kind as to furnish me with this information by return mail, I shall be greatly obliged, and will be happy to reciprocate, should an opportunity offer.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. V. L. Schirmer, Esq.
Assayer, Mint, U. S.
Denver, Col.

July 18th. 1876.

Sir:

Your account of Ordinary Expenses for the month of June 1876, has been received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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H. G. Nolton, Esq.

July 18th 1876.

Cashier, Bank of Commerce
Buffalo.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 15th inst, asking for information respecting the regulations under which bullion is received on deposit at the Mint for coinage into Trade Dollars, and how long a time exists between receipt of bullion and delivery of coin.

In reply I have to state that Silver bullion which does not require parting or refining is received and a Coinage Charge imposed of $1.25 per 100 pieces, if refining is necessary a further charge is made, proportionate to the condition and fineness.

Returns are usually made in from two to four days.

If however, the new Silver Bill which has passed both Houses of Congress and is now awaiting Executive action, becomes a law, it will materially change existing regulations as it deprives the Trade Dollar of its legal tender qualifications, places discretionary power for Coining in the hands of the Secretary of the Treasury, and limits the amount coined to the actual demand for export.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Baron Thielmann, July 18th 1876.

Chargé d'Affaires of the German Empire.

Sir:

In response to the inquiries contained in your note of the 17th inst. I have to state that the amount of Silver coin now current, exclusive of Trade Dollars, is about $15,000,000.

The amount on hand in the Mints and U. S. Treasury is about $6,000,000.

The average monthly coinage of the Mints under the new Act, will be about $3,000,000.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

N. K. Masten, Esq. July 18th 1876.

Cashier, Nevada Bank, San Francisco.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to last purchases of Silver.

The point raised by you respecting the rate of purchase for the Philadelphia Mint, will be carefully considered, and further communication made to you at an early day.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. La Grange, Esq.

July 18th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have received your of the 10th inst. enclosing the Oaths of Office of the following named persons appointed as Adjusters in the Coiner's Dept., of your Mint viz:
Mary Ann Brodigan, Mrs. A. S. Buckler.
Mary H. Searcy. S. Sparhawk.
May B. Stamels.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. La Grange, Esq.

July 18th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint, San Francisco.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 10th inst. transmitting Coiner's Gold and Silver Workings for the months of May and June, 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. La Grange, Esq.

July 18th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 10th inst. transmitting a Statement of the deliveries of Gold and Silver Coins and Assay Coins, for the quarter ending June 30th 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. La Grange, Esq.

July 18th. 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I return herewith for the signature of the Assayer gold deposit Warrant No. 2856, (O. Toklas) and Silver deposit warrant No. 170 (Hibernia Bank) both belonging to your bullion account for the fourth quarter 1875.

Your early attention is requested.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. La Grange, Esq.

July 18th. 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

Your letter of the 10th. inst. enclosing Vouchers #882, #949 and #988, belonging to your account of Ordinary Expenses, for the month of June 1876, has been received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. La Grange, Esq.

July 10th. 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

Your letter of the 10th. inst. enclosing Balance Sheet of the accounts of your Mint, June 30th. 1876, has been received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. La Grange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

July 18th 1876.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 10th inst, transmitting a Certified Report of the condition of the Weights employed in the transaction of business.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. La Grange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

July 18th 1876.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 10th inst, transmitting Statements, for June 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

D. W. Mahon, Esq.
1st Auditor.

July 18th 1876.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary Expenses &c of J. T. L. Schirmer Assayer in charge U. S. Mint, Denver, Col. for the month of June 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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James Pollock Esq.

July 19th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir;

I have to request that you will coin during the current and the coming month $250,000. in Dimes.

If practicable we would like to have 150,000. this month.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

July 19th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office.
New York.

Sir:

A question having arisen in relation to the value of Silver bullion, renders it necessary that we should be informed of the price of Silver in New York on the 7th and 8th inst.

I will thank you to inform me at what rate actual transactions were made for Silver 1000 fine, in your City, on the respective dates above mentioned.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Parker & Handy,

July 19th 1876.

24 Nassau St. New York.

The matter is in uncertain condition. If the Silver Bill receives Executive approval, trade dollar coinage will be limited to export demand.

H. R. Linderman. Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. &c.
San Francisco.

July 19th 1876.

Sir:

Prof. Rogers informed me by telegraph on 16th inst. that your Mint was in good condition throughout, and that it was turning out beautiful coin.

It must be apparent to you that I have exhausted all the means and every available agency to aid you in bringing your Coining Dept. out of the deficient condition into which it had fallen, and that we have a right to expect that there will be no cause for complaint in future.

Until Prof. Rogers' report shall be received, I will not consider whether the present Coiner should be retained or not; One thing is certain, we have paid pretty dearly for placing so young and inexperienced a man in charge of the coining dept. I have not the least personal feeling against the Coiner, on the contrary, everything has been done to uphold and sustain him. I now feel bound to say however, that should any further trouble with the coinage occur, I shall feel compelled to recommend a change in that Office, and the filling of it by a man practically acquainted with the details of Coinage operations.

We are now very much inconvenienced for the want of Dimes, and unable to meet the demands of the Treasury. This is due to your defective coinage of these pieces. In nominating and holding

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inexperienced officers or employés you assume a grave responsibility, and from which you cannot be divested. Now that the errors have been overcome, I trust that you will subordinate everything else to the maintaining of the Coiners' dept. in a thorough condition of efficiency. Nothing must be permitted to interfere with that imperative requirement.

If the Silver Coin cannot be made as rapidly and as perfectly in finish at your Mint, as at the Philadelpa. Mint, it is but a question of time, when the subsidiary Silver Coinage will have to be restricted at your Mint to our actual requirements.

My object in writing as above is to encourage and strengthen you in every effort and measure you may take to meet the situation, and have you carefully consider every step you take.

I cannot say that I feel easy about the future of the Coiners' Dept. but will refrain from doing anything further until the receipt of Prof. Rogers' report.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman.
Director.

O. H. La Grange, Esq. July 19th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint, San Francisco.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 11th inst. transmitting Statements for June 1876; also, Annual Statements for fiscal year ended June 30th 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

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O. H. La Grange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco.

July 19th 1876.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 10th inst. covering the nomination by the Assayer of Chas. A. Swain, vice H. M. Shepherd, resigned, and for which nomination you request my approval.

I have been unofficially informed that some time in May you gave Mr. Shepherd a leave of absence for four months from the 1st of June, one month of which was to be with pay.

I am further informed that under this leave of absence, Mr. Shepherd left for a visit to Valparaiso, Chili, with the understanding that on his return to your City his place would be open for him.

There has not been sufficient time since Mr. Shepherd sailed, for his resignation to have been received, and I do not understand the matter.

If the services of Mr. Swain are necessary during the absence of Mr. Shepherd, I have no objection to his temporary employment, and will approve a nomination sent in that form.

In the meantime, Mr. Swain may be paid his compensation the same as though his nomination had been approved.

I shall await your reply before acting on this nomination.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

July 19th 1876.

Sir:

Your letter of the 17th inst, enclosing certificate of Deposit for $189.50, being the ammnt of unexpended balances of the appropriations for the support of your Mint, for the fiscal year ended June 30th 1876, has been received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Messrs. Morgan & Orr,
Philadelphia.

July 19th 1876.

Gentlemen:

Your account for Copper Canisters shipped the Mint of the U. S. at Carson, Nev. amounting to $1195.- has been approved and referred to the accounting Officers for settlement, and in due course of business a draft for the amount will be sent you.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Henry Drummer, Esq.
710 Market St. Philad.a

July 19th 1876.

Sir:

Your a/c for Adjusting Balances shipped the U. S. Mint at Carson, Nev., has been approved and referred to the accounting Officers for settlement, and in due course of business a draft for the ammnt will be sent you.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

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Chas. Mason, Esq.

July 19th 1876.

Burlington, Iowa.

Sir:

In response to your letter of the 17th inst. I have to state that the decline in the value of Silver bullion is caused by the limited demand in Europe & India, and the increased production from the Mines.

The present quotation of value in the London Market is 48 pence per ounce British Standard 925 thousandths fine, - which is equivalent to 94.7 ¢ per ounce U. S. Standard. This valuation gives the relation of Silver to gold as 1 to 19.6.

The example you cite of Silver at 1.15¼ is the value per ounce fine, which divided into the value of one ounce fine gold gives the result 1 to 17.8.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Jas Crawford, Esq.

July 19th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for your information duplicate bill of Messrs. Morgan & Orr, for Copper Canisters, shipped your Mint, and whose account I have approved and referred to the accounting Officers, for settlement, - payment to be made from the appropriation for the coinage of silver.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Jas. Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson.

July 19th 1876.

Sir:

I have received your Statements of Bullion Operations in the Melter & Refiner's Dept., and Coiner's Gold and Silver Workings for June, 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Jas. Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson.

July 19th 1876.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 12th inst. reporting the result of Special Test Assays of Coin, from the Mint at San Francisco, for June 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

V. Mannlicher, Esq.
Member of the Austrian Comm'n.
Centennial, Philad^a

July 19th 1876.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your favor of the 18th inst, transmitting copies of Vienna newspapers, for which, please accept my thanks.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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John Kitz Esq.

July 19th 1876.

Consulate General of Switzerland,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Agreeable to the request in your letter of the 17th inst, I send you a copy of my Report for 1874.

As the edition has been quite exhausted, I procured this copy which had been reserved for private use; you will therefore please excuse its somewhat soiled appearance.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

July 20th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I will thank you to cause to be made and transmitted to the Mint at San Francisco as soon as possible, the dies mentioned in the following dispatch received this day from the Superintendent:

"Send as soon as possible Eighteen Obverse quarter dollars dies, twelve reverse quarter dollar dies, Eighteen obverse half dollar dies, and twelve reverse half dollar dies, made similar to those ordered in my letter of April 26th

O. H. La Grange. Supt."

The Superintendent's letter of April 26th referred to, specifies that the dies be made of the largest size steel.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman. Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

July 20th 1876.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for your information a copy of a letter from Mr. Della Costa to the Secretary of State, giving the devices which it is desired shall be placed on the proposed Venezuelan coinage.

Referring in this connection to your last letter on the subject of executing this Coinage, I think it would be best for the agent having this business in charge to have the blanks prepared by some private establishment (at Waterbury Conn.) and simply mill and stamp them in your Mint. This would not interfere materially with your operations.

I should fear the result of an attempt to alloy and prepare the blanks for this coinage at the San Francisco Mint, where they have had no experience whatever in working nickel alloys.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas Pollock
Supt. Mint, Philad a

July 20th 1876.

Sir:

Your a/c of Ordinary Expenses for the month of June 1876, has been received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

July 25th 1876.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 19th inst. inclosing two Silver Trade Dollars, struck at my request from dies prepared by Mr. A. L. Paquet.

The proposition of Mr. Paquet was to make a pair of hubs (from which all the working dies are made) "which will bring the coinage of the Trade Dollars completely in your Coining presses up, like the old Silver Dollar."

For the present I will simply request you to inform me whether pieces struck from these dies are brought up on the large size press, as well as the old silver dollar. At my next visit to your Mint we will examine as to the merits of the new dies.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

July 25th 1876.

Sir:

The two Silver Life-Saving Medals of the Second Class, forwarded by you on the 19th inst. by Express have been received.

Your accounts for the same have been approved and referred to the Secretary of the Treasury for payment.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

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Adam Smith, Esq.

July 20th 1876.

Chicago, Ill.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 18th inst, in reference to selling Silver bullion to the Government.

We are not at present purchasing. On the recent decline in Silver, we secured a sufficient amount for our present purposes. I cannot say what regulations may be established, should the Silver Bill which recently passed both Houses of Congress, receive Executive approval. It is possible, should that Bill become a law, that we will fix a price from time to time, at which silver bullion in small lots will be purchased by the Government.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Geo. W. Hough, Esq.

July 20th 1876.

Galva, Henry Co. Ill.

Sir:

Your letter of the 17th inst, addressed to the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at Chicago, asking for information respecting five cent nickel coins, has been referred to this Office for reply.

I have to state that both varieties of the coin are of Government issue.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Thos. L. Acton, Esq. July 25th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

I understand from Mr. Handy, that he will deliver Doré bullion on account of the sale of one hundred thousand ounces recently made by him to the Treasury. It being entirely unnecessary for our purposes to make the silver resulting from the parting of this bullion into stamped bars, the only Mint charge will be that for parting.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. La Grange, Esq. July 25th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco.

Sir:

Your letter of the 12th inst. enclosing the oath of Office of W. H. Ellard, appointed as Machinist, in the Coiners' Dept., of your Mint, has been received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Prof. R. E. Rogers. July 25th 1876.
Mint, Boston, Nev.

As soon as you have been to Virginia send me general conclusion respecting product by telegraph.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

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Parker Handy, Esq. July 25th 1876.
24 Nassau St. New York.

Sir:

I have received your letter of yesterday relative to remitting the bar charge, and will address a letter to the Supt. of the Assay Office at New York, upon the subject.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq. July 21st 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 13th inst, enclosing the Oaths of Office of Frances L. Bond and Annie B. Hall, recently appointed as Adjusters in the Coiner's Dept. of your Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint, July 21st 1876.
San Francisco.

Congress has extended appropriations until thirty-first inst, inclusive, on basis of last year. Soon as approved by Executive will have funds transmitted. Necessity for Subsidiary Silver pressing, Philadelphia coinage restricted by extreme heat of weather.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. LaFrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

July 21st 1876.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to issue his Warrant on the Treasurer of the United States in your favor for the sum of twenty-eight thousand, one hundred and twenty-five dollars ($28,125.) payable from the following appropriations for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, as per Acts of June 30th July 15th & 25th 1876.

Salaries	1877	$ 2.175.
Wages of Workmen	"	23.350.
Contingent Expenses	"	2.600.

As the sum of $23,350. will not be sufficient to pay the Wages of Workmen, and as under the Acts above cited we cannot advance you more than this sum until the regular appropriations for the year have been made, I have in order to meet the difference, requested that an advance of $8.500. on account of the coinage of silver, for redemption of fractional currency be made to you, but as soon as the regular appropriations are made, it is not contemplated to make any further advances from this fund, and the probabilities are, that we shall require this advance to be refunded from the regular appropriation for Wages of Workmen at your Mint, when made.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

July 21st 1876.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 20th inst. transmitting a Report of the adjustment of weights at your Office, and calling my attention to certain discrepancies existing in the Standard weights, as compared with each other.

You are hereby instructed to forward your Standard weights by express to the Mint at Philadª to be adjusted. After such adjustment has been completed, a suitable person will be sent to your Office to adjust the weights in ordinary use.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

July 21st 1876.

Supt. Assay Office, New York.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to issue his Warrant on the Treasurer of the U. S. in your favor, for the sum of Eleven thousand six hundred and fifty dollars ($11.650.) - payable from the following appropriations for the support of your Office during the current fiscal year, as per Acts of June 30, July 10 and 20th 1876:

Salaries	1877	$3.250.
Wages of Workmen	"	"6.700.
Contingent Expenses	"	"1.700.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock

July 21st 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 20th inst. in relation to the manufacturing by the Mint, of planchets for Centennial Medals, to be struck on a Brazilian press at the Exhibition grounds.

The view taken by you is correct, that neither the Coinage Act of 1873, nor the Special Act of Congress authorizing the striking of Centennial Medals, can be construed to authorize the preparation of these planchets.

The Act of March 3d 1853, (see old Mint pamphlet of Laws 1867, p. 43) authorizes gold or silver to be formed into discs. This authority if not repealed by subsequent legislation will embrace the preparation of both gold and Silver planchets for the Centennial Authorities.

This provision is not repealed by the Coinage Act of 1873, and the only question is, whether it is repealed by Sec. 5596, Revised Statutes. (Title, Repeal Provisions) p. 1091. This section repeals all Acts, any portion of which is embraced in any Section of said revision.

I am of the opinion that it cannot be held to repeal the Act of 1853, referred to. Under this view of the law, the planchets may be prepared to an extent which will not materially interfere with the Coinage of the Mint.

This authority however, extends

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only to gold and silver. All other metals must be held as excluded.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock — July 21st 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint, Philadª.

Sir:

The Supt. of the New York Assay Office, has called my attention to certain discrepancies existing in the Standard weights of his Office.

I have instructed the Supt. to forward the weights to your Mint, and have to request that on receipt thereof, you will place them in the hands of Mr. Thompkins for adjustment.

After this adjustment has been completed, the weights will be returned and Mr. Thompkins will proceed to the Assay Office to adjust the weights there in ordinary use.

His necessary expenses whilst in the performance of this duty will be paid by the New York Office, upon presentation of the necessary vouchers.

In this connection I have to request that as soon as the Appropriation Bill passes, you will consider and act upon my recent suggestion to place a suitable young man on duty under the immediate instruction of Mr. Thompkins, to learn the business of adjusting balances and weights.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

July 21st 1876.

Sir:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed slip from the Philadelphia Times of yesterday.

This article bears unmistakable evidence of having been inspired by some person connected with the Mint at Phila, and one well informed as to the tenor of the Official and verbal communications between the Director and that Mint.

Besides being a direct violation of the Regulations for the Treasury Dept. of which the Mints are a part, (Dept. Circular No. 44, herewith enclosed) it is extremely unwise and likely to give us trouble which could otherwise have been avoided.

The assertions made, are in some respects untrue, and the general tenor of the article is disrespectful to this Office. It was entirely unnecessary, whether true or not, to contradict the report that the extreme hot weather had interfered with the work of the Philadelphia Mint.

The assertion is made that the "thanks of the Treasury Dept. were given", which if true, is news to me.

Again it is stated that the Philadª Mint was appealed to, to send an expert &c. If the exercise of the functions of his Office by the Director of the Mint as the Chief Officer of the Bureau, and Supervisor of all Mints and Assay Offices can be considered as an appeal, then the Mint at Philadelphia certainly

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mistakes its position under the law.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock — July 21st 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to issue his Warrant on the Treasurer of the U. S. in your favor for the sum of twenty-six thousand four hundred and fifty dollars ($26.450.) payable from the following appropriations for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, as per Acts of June 30, July 10 & 25 1876, viz:

Salaries	$3150.
Wages of Workmen	" 21.000.
Contingent Expenses	" 2.300.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock — July 21st 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint, Philada

Sir:

The placing of the Pennsylvania Coat of Arms at the entrance of your Mint, and thus apparently limiting a National Institution to the State in which it is located, has been made the subject of comment. It should be removed.

If you deem it advisable to place the Coat of Arms of the United States in its place, there can be no objection.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

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James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson.

July 21st 1876.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to issue his warrant on the Treasurer of the U. S. in your favor, for the sum of twelve thousand three hundred dollars ($12.300.) payable from the following appropriations for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, as per Acts of June 30th July 15th & 20th 1876.:

Salaries	1877	$2,100.
Wages of Workmen	"	7,200.
Contingent Expenses	"	3,000.

As the sum of $7.200. will not be sufficient to pay the Wages of Workmen for the current month, and as under the Acts above cited, we cannot advance you more than that until the regular appropriations for the year have been made, I have in order to meet the difference requested that an advance of $3.700. on account of the Coinage of Silver for the redemption of fractional currency be made to you, but it is not contemplated to make any further advances from this fund, and the probabilities are, that we shall require this advance to be refunded, from the regular appropriation for Wages of Workmen at your Mint, when made.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Jas. Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson.

July 21st 1876.

Sir:

I have received your letters of the 15th inst, respectively, transmitting Statements of Annual Assay Coins, sent to the Mint at Philadelphia, and Special Test Coins, sent to the Mint at San Francisco.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. V. L. Schirmer, Esq.
Assayer U. S. Mint
Denver, Col.

July 21st 1876.

Sir:

Your letter of the 15th inst, enclosing duplicate Certificate of Deposit for amount received for ore assays, for the six months ending June 30th 1876, has been received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. V. L. Schirmer, Esq.
Assayer, U. S. Mint
Denver, Col.

July 21st 1876.

Sir:

Your letter of the 15th inst, enclosing Statement of Earnings and Expenditures for the quarter ending June 30th 1876, has been received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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M. V. Davis, Esq. July 21st 1876.

Special Employé.

Sir:

I have to request that you will procure and furnish me with fullest information procurable on the following points:

(Fiscal year ended June 30th 1876.)

1.– The total exports of gold & silver respectively to China, Japan, and other foreign Countries from San Francisco and in what form, coin bars or dust, itemizing Trade and Mexican Dollars.

2.– Imports of Coin and Bullion from those Countries including Mexico and South America.

3.– The total receipts of gold and Silver bullion at San Francisco.

4.– The total outturn of gold and silver respectively by the two private Refineries in San Francisco.

5.– The total estimated production of gold and Silver respectively in Nevada, California, Arizona, Oregon and the Territory of Washington.

6.– The ammnt of gold coin in circulation on the Pacific Coast, ditto Subsidiary Silver, also Trade Dollars.

7.– Ammnt of bullion & foreign Coin held on the average by Banks, Bankers, Specie Brokers, and private Refineries.

This information is desired for my report for fiscal year ended June 30th 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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J. C. L. Schirmer, Esq.

July 21st 1876.

Assayer in Chg. Mint
Denver.

Sir:

I have received your letters of the 14th and 15th inst, transmitting monthly Statements for June.

I have to request that you will prepare and forward at your earliest convenience your Annual Statements for the fiscal year ended June 30th 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

A. Wolters, Esq.

July 21st 1876.

Assayer in Chg. Assay Office
Boise City.

Sir:

I have received your letters of the 12th inst, transmitting Monthly Statements for June, and Annual Statements for the fiscal year ended June 30th 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Albert Wolters, Esq.

July 21st 1876.

Assayer U. S. Assay Office
Boise City.

Sir:

Your Bullion Acs for the quarter ending June 30th 1876, and your account of Ordinary Expenses, for the month of June, have been received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

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D. W. Mahon, Esq. July 21st 1876.
1st Auditor.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Bullion A/c of O. H. La Grange, Supt. Mint of the U. S. at San Francisco, for the quarter ending December 31st 1875.

Gold Deposit Warrant No. 2856 (F. Toklas) and Silver Deposit Warrant No. 170, (Hibernia Bank) have been returned by this Office for the signature of the Assayer, and will be forwarded as soon as received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

D. W. Mahon, Esq. July 21st 1876.
1st Auditor.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Expenses A/c of Albert Walters, Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho, for the month of June 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

D. W. Mahon, Esq. July 21st 1876.
1st Auditor.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Bullion A/c of A. Wolters, Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office, Boise City, Idaho, for the quarter ending June 30th 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

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Hon. L. M. Morrill July 21st 1876.
Secretary of the Treasury.
Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will issue your Warrant on the Treasurer of the U.S. in favor of James Pollock, Supt. Mint of the U.S. at Philadelphia, for the sum of twenty-six thousand, four hundred and fifty dollars ($26,450.) payable from the following appropriations, for the support of said Mint: Salaries — — 1877 — $3,150.
Wages of Workmen — " — 21,000.
Contingent Expenses — " — 2,300.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. L. M. Morrill July 21st 1876.
Secretary of the Treasury.
Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will issue your Warrant on the Treasurer of the U.S. in favor of James Crawford, Supt. U.S. Mint of the U.S. at Carson, Nev., for the sum of three thousand seven hundred dollars, ($3,700.) on account of the coinage of Silver for the redemption of fractional currency, during the current month, as provided in "An act to provide for the resumption of specie payments," approved January 14th 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

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Hon. L. M. Morrill July 21st 1876.
Secretary of the Treasury.
Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will issue your Warrant on the Treasurer of the U.S. in favor of Thos. C. Acton Supt. U. S. Assay Office at New York for the sum of Eleven thousand six hundred and fifty dollars ($11.650.) payable from the following appropriations for the support of said Office:

Salaries	1877	$3.250.
Wages of Workmen	"	6.700.
Contingent Expenses	"	1.700.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. L. M. Morrill July 21st 1876.
Secretary of the Treasury.
Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will issue your Warrant on the Treasurer of the U. S. in favor of James Crawford, Supt. Mint of the U. S. at Carson, Nevada, for the sum of twelve thousand three hundred dollars ($12.300.) payable from the following appropriations for the support of said Mint;

Salaries	1877	$2.100.
Wages of Workmen	"	7.200.
Contingent Expenses	"	3.000.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. L. M. Morrill

July 21st 1876.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will issue your Warrant on the Treasurer of the U. S. in favor of O. H. LaGrange, Supt. Mint of the U. S. at San Francisco, for the sum of twenty-eight thousand one hundred and twenty-five dollars ($28.125), payable from the following appropriations for the support of said Mint viz:

Salaries	1877	$2.175.
Wages of Workmen	"	23.350.
Contingent Expenses	"	2.600.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. L. M. Morrill

July 21st 1876.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will issue your Warrant on the Treasurer of the U. S. in favor of O. H. LaGrange, Supt. of the Mint of the U. S. at San Francisco, for the sum of eight thousand five hundred dollars ($8.500.), on account of the Coinage of Silver for the redemption of fractional currency during the current month; as provided in "An Act to provide for the resumption of specie payments" approved January 14th 1875.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Hon. L. M. Morrill July 22. 1876.
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will issue your warrant on the Treasurer of the U. S. in favor of M. F. Bonzano, Supt. Mint of the U. S. at New Orleans La. for the sum of seven hundred and ninety four 80/100 dollars ($794.80) payable out of the following appropriations for the support of said Mint:

Salaries	1877	$294.80
Wages of Workmen	"	250.00
Contingent Expenses	"	250.00

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Lot M. Morrill July 22. 1876.
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

Deposits of Silver Bullion for Coinage into Trade Dollars are being made at the Mints to an extent which will considerably reduce their capacity to meet the demand of the Treasury for small silver coin.

Under existing laws there is no authority to refuse these deposits, but the Silver Bill now in the hands of the President, contains a section authorizing the Secretary to limit from time to time the coinage of Trade Dollars, to the actual demand for export.

I respectfully recommend that immediately after the Bill becomes a law you authorize me to instruct the Superin-

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tendents of the Mints to refuse to receive deposits for Coinage into Trade Dollars except in cases where the resulting coin is required for export.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. La Grange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

July 22. 1876.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 14th inst. submitting for my approval an increase in the compensation of J. H. Fisher, Chief Engineer, from $7.50 to $9.00 per diem.

As Prof. Rogers was instructed to examine into the qualifications of the Engineer, to ascertain his actual experience at time of appointment, and to furnish this Office with copies of the Certificate of qualification usually required in such appointments, I cannot approve of any increase in compensation before his report is received.

Until I am satisfied on the above mentioned points, any increase which may have been made, will be disallowed.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq. July 22d 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I return herewith gold certificate of Deposit No. 4568, in favor of London and San Francisco Bank, belonging to your Bullion a/c for the first quarter 1876, for endorsement in ink.

I also return for the signature of the Assayer, gold report No. 6730, and silver report No. 2716.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq. July 22d 1876.
Supt. San Francisco Mint.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 14th inst, enclosing the Oath of Office of R. M. Saul, recently appointed as Cutter in the Coiner's Dept. of your Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq. July 22d 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 14th inst, enclosing the Official oath of Henry H. Lawrence, as Assist. Assayer in your Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

July 22d. 1876.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of yesterday in relation to the silver to be delivered by Mr. Handy, of his recent sale to the Government, I have to inform you that it will not be necessary to impose a bar charge on the "Platt" and "Balbach" bars 999 fine, or on any other bars of that fineness. This and the authority previously given as to Doré Silver, will embrace only that portion which has not been paid for.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

July 22d. 1876.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

In response to your letter of the 21st. inst. relative to Mr. Torrey visiting the Mint at Philadelphia, I have to say that I can see no objection whatever to his doing so.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

July 22d 1876.

Sir:

Your letter of yesterday respecting the Coinage of Trade Dollars, has been received.

I have been waiting for Executive action on the Silver Bill, to write you fully upon the subject.

It is expected that the Bill will be approved today, and I have already requested authority from the Secretary to instruct the Mints to decline deposits for Trade Dollars, except where the coin is required for export to foreign Countries. This will of course, apply to deposits offered after you shall receive notice of the approval of the Bill.

Deposits made prior to the Bill becoming a law, will have to be paid as soon as the necessary coin for that purpose can be prepared.

The Western Mints are reported by Prof. Rogers to be in excellent condition, and turning out beautiful coin. I expect them to coin in all this month, the gold which accumulated during the settlement, and probably $800.000. Subsidiary coin in addition. It is assumed that they will next month considerably increase the Subsidiary Silver coinage.

I should think though that you had better prepare sufficient Trade Dollars to pay off the deposits already made as soon as you can without reducing the other coinage too much.

In paying depositors, you must

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conform as closely as possible to priority of deposits. As to making returns to the Assay Office, I would be governed by the following as a rule. – Ascertain the amount due to that Office, and the amount due by your Mint to other depositors, and give New York its proportion, the Mint paying out its proportion to its depositors according to priority of deposit. This is in my opinion the only practical solution of the question.

Your returns for this month so far show a small coinage and the Treasury has been compelled to order transfers from Boston to Philadᵃ (Silver coin). When called upon to explain this reduced coinage, I referred to the necessary interruption caused by the Annual Settlement, and that the extreme heat would, no doubt, interfere to some extent with the work, particularly in the M. & R's Dept.

This in some way got into the newspapers, and has been denied on authority of some one about the Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

A. Wolters, Esq.
Assayer in Chg. Assay Office
Boise City.

July 22ᵈ 1876.

Sir:

I have received your Report of the Examination of Weights in use in your Office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director

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M. G. Benjamin, Esq. July 22 - 1876.
Supt. Mint U. S.
New Orleans.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to issue his Warrant on the Treasurer of the U. S. in your favor for the sum of seven hundred and ninety four $\frac{80}{100}$ dollars, payable from the following appropriations for the support of your Mint as per Acts of June 30 - July 10 - & 20 - 1876:

Salaries	1877	$294.80
Wages of Workmen	"	250.00
Contingent Expenses	"	250.00

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. V. L. Schirmer, Esq. July 22 - 1876.
Assayer U. S. Mint
Denver, Col.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your Mint during the current month, has been approved for the sum of $2.408. from the following appropriations:

Salaries	1877	$876.
Wages of Workmen	"	1,282.
Contingent Expenses	"	250.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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F. Mannlicher Esq.

July 22. 1876.

Member Austrian Commission.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 21st inst, transmitting a Report of the Vienna Exposition on Seyss' Automatic Balances, for which accept my thanks.

The subject will receive full and due consideration.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

Superintendent Mint
San Francisco.

July 24. 1876.

Defective Dimes must be transferred to the Melter and Refiner as standard bullion, corresponding Standard Ingots must be delivered by him to you, and which will be transferred by you to the Coiner at their coining rate. When the Coiner returns to you a sum in Subsidiary coin corresponding in value to the number of Dimes delivered to the Melter and Refiner the transaction will be complete. Last years' accounts must not be disturbed, and no seigniorage credited on receiving of these Dimes in this years accounts.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Telegram. Superintendent Mint, July 24th 1876.
San Francisco.

Salaries, Twenty-five Thousand, Seven hundred dollars. Wages, Three hundred thousand. Contingent, Eighty-six thousand. Some danger of wages item being reduced in Conference Committee. You may telegraph your members if you think proper.

H. R. Linderman
Director

O. H. LaGrange, Esq. July 24th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I will thank you to inform me whether any adjusting balances are required at your Mint, if so, how many.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq. July 24th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

Your letter of the 15th inst. enclosing Statement of Earnings and Expenditures at your Mint for the quarter ending June 30th 1876, has been received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. L. M. Morrill — July 24th 1876.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will issue your Warrant on the Treasurer of the U. S. in favor of Albert Wolters, Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho, for the sum of six hundred and thirty-one 80/100 dollars, payable from the following appropriations for the support of said Office:

Salaries	1877	$421.20
Wages of Workmen	"	126.36
Contingent Expenses	"	84.24

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

George Morgan, Esq. — July 24th 1876.

#144 Pinbroughs Road,
West Brompton.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 12th inst. with enclosure of Geo. Wallis, Esq. in relation to submitting designs, and executing dies for an Award Medal of the Centennial Exhibition.

The matter is in the hands of the Centennial Commission, and I have referred your letter to Hon. R. C. McCormick of this city, who has charge of the special subject of having these medals prepared.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Thos. C. Acton, Esq. July 24th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office.
New York.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 22d inst. in reference to deposits of Silver Bullion at the Mint at Philadelphia, for coinage into Trade Dollars, I enclose for your information, extracts from a letter sent to the Supt. of that Mint, under date of July 22, showing the action of this Office on the subject.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Maggie U. Williamson July 24th 1876.
434 W. Fayette St.
Baltimore.

Madam;

In reply to your note of the 22d inst, I regret to say that it is not in my power to aid you.

The new silver bill does not increase the amount of work to be performed by the Adjusters at the Mints, while the state of the appropriations necessitates a decrease in the force employed.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. R. C. McCormick July 24th. 1876.
#1015 14th. St.

Sir:

I transmit herewith a letter from Mr. Geo. Morgan with enclosure from Mr. Geo. Wallis, in relation to preparing designs and executing dies for the Centennial Award Medal, and respectfully refer the same to you for your consideration and action.

Mr. Morgan has been advised of this reference.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Messrs. Stone & Downer, July 24th. 1876.
#28 State St. Boston.

Gentlemen:

In response to your letter of the 20th. inst. addressed to the Mint at Philadelphia, I send you by today's mail, a copy of my last Annual Report.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Jno. E. Kimball, Esq. July 24th. 1876.
Oxford, Mass.

Sir:

In response to your letter of the 22d. inst. I send you by today's mail, a copy of the Director's Annual Report, for the fiscal year ended June 30th. 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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James Crawford Esq. July 24th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson.

Sir:

Your attention is called to the fact that but one daily coinage statement (July 13th) has been received from you during the current month.

You will please give this matter your attention, and have them transmitted.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

L. V. Regua, Esq. July 24th 1876.
No. 2 Broadway, New York.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 19th inst, you are informed, that your letter transmitting sample of coin bags, was duly received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon July 24th 1876.
1st Auditor.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Expenses &c of James Pollock, Supt. of the Mint of the U. S. Philadelphia, for the month of June 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

July 24th 1876.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 22d inst. transmitting Annual Statements, for the fiscal year ended June 30th 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

July 24th 1876.

Sir:

Your letter of the 22d inst. transmitting Certificate of Deposit for $73. on account of Assays of ores &c. from January 1st to June 30th 1876, has been received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

July 24th 1876.

Sir:

Your letter of the 22d inst. transmitting Certificates of Deposits for balance of coining and parting charges for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1876, has been received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. La Grange, Esq. July 25th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

A telegram sent you yesterday in the following words, is hereby confirmed:
Defective dimes must be transferred to the Melter & Refiner as standard bullion, corresponding standard ingots must be delivered by him to you, and which will be transferred by you to the Coiner at their coining rate. When the Coiner returns to you a sum in subsidiary coin corresponding in value to the number of dimes delivered to the Melter & Refiner, the transaction will be complete.

Last years accounts must not be disturbed and no seigniorage credited on re-coinage of these dimes in this years accounts.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

P. S.

The Dimes must go from you to the M. & R. as standard bullion, and be computed at Coining value or rate until a corresponding sum in nominal value reaches you from the Coiner.

Telegram. Parker Handy July 25th 1876.
24 Nassau St. New York.

See Superintendent Acton as to instructions respecting payment of Trade Dollar deposits.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Thos. L. Acton, Esq.

July 25th. 1876.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

Mr. Tompkins of the Mint at Philadelphia has been instructed to proceed to New York to adjust the weights in use at your Office. His necessary expenses, incident to the performance of this duty, will be paid by you from the Contingent Fund of your Office, upon presentation of the proper vouchers.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. L. Acton, Esq.

July 25th. 1876.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office, N. Y.

Sir:

You will please forward to this Office without delay, a Statement showing the amount of gold bullion and coin respectively in your Bullion Fund at the close of business on the 24th. inst.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Supt. Mint, San Francisco.

July 25th. 1876.

State by Telegraph amount of gold bullion and coin respectively in your bullion fund at the close of business on the twenty-fourth instant.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar telegram sent to
Supt. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

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C. V. L. Schirmer Esq.

Assayer U. S. Mint
Denver. Col.

July 25th 1876.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 20th inst. transmitting a Report of the Operations of your Mint for the fiscal year ended June 30th 1876.

There exists an apparent discrepancy in the Statement furnished - the amount of Silver bullion being given as 4,855.04 ounces, and the value of the same $15.491.27, about $3.19 pr. ounce.

In making your Annual Reports to this Office, in conformity with "Instructions and Regulations" p. 30, you are instructed to use the same blank forms as are employed in making monthly reports, extra copies of which are sent you by today's mail, and as they appear as a portion of the Directors' Annual Report, it is necessary that due care be exercised in their preparation.

I also transmit by mail today, six hundred blank forms for Assayers' Report upon Ores.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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M. V. Davis, Esq.

July 25th. 1876.

Special Employé, Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 15th. inst. requesting to be furnished with certain information relating to the workings of the Coining Dept. of the Mint at Philadelphia, I transmit herewith a copy of a detailed report, prepared at my request by the Coiner of that Institution.

In respect to the number of drafts on the breakdown and finishing rolls, the workmen must be guided by the condition of the metal which he is engaged in rolling, - soft, ductile ingots requiring a less number of drafts than those which are harder, or which exhibit a tendency to split or check on the edges during the operation.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Copies of the enclosed were sent to the Superintendents at Carson and San Francisco, some time since.

A. C. Paquet Esq.

July 25th. 1876.

1308 Park Avenue, Phila.

Sir:

I enclose herewith in duplicate, your ✓ for engraving hubs, for Trade Dollar Dies, which I will thank you to sign and return to this Office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

July 25th. 1876.

Sir:

I enclose herewith a communication from Frank Koehne, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, and referred for action thereon, to this office.

From the reading of this letter you will readily perceive how easy it is for a person not familiar with coining matters, to fall into error respecting the price charged for proof coin. I suggest whether it is not advisable to have a small printed sheet, stating plainly that the price is for proof pieces, and that the difference between the nominal and selling value is to cover the extra expense of manufacture, and that the entire amount received from purchasers of such coins goes into the United States Treasury without any deduction.

It seems to me that if such a printed slip was prepared and handed to each purchaser, misconceptions of this kind would not arise.

I may also suggest that as silver is now circulating concurrently with paper money, there should be no difference charged for the silver proofs, whether paid for in silver coins or currency.

Please return the letter of Mr. Koehne with your reply.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

July 25th. 1876.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for your information, a copy of a letter received today from Parker & Gandy, in relation to deposits of Silver bullion made at the Assay Office in New York, for coinage into Trade Dollars.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint, Phila.

July 25th. 1876.

Sir:

You will please forward to this Office without delay a statement showing the ammt of gold bullion and coin respectively in your Bullion Fund, at the close of business on the 24th. inst.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Hon. J. G. Cannon
H. R.

July 25th. 1876.

Running overtime and with sufficient appropriations the Mints can turn out Subsidiary Coin, in addition to required gold and minor coinage, two million per month, about an equal sum in Silver Dollars could be coined monthly in addition. An appropriation of Seventy Thousand Dollars for additional furnaces and machinery would increase the capacity.

H. R. Linderman, Director.

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O. H. La Grange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

July 26th 1876.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 18th inst, you are informed, that the amount of Silver Assay Coins of 1875, from your Mint in the custody of the Supt. of the Philadelphia Mint, being insufficient to pay the charges for the transportation of $300.000. in Subsidiary silver coin from St. Louis to New Orleans, the amount was paid out of the Silver Profit Fund of the Philadelphia Mint.

I have therefore to request that you will draw upon the Superintendent of the Philadel.a Mint for the proceeds of the Silver Assay Coins of 1875, from your Mint in his hands as follows, viz:

Trade Dollars — —	$2,271.00
Subsidiary Silver Coin — —	1,455.10
Silver contained in Sample of — Doré bullion, payable in — — Subsidiary Coin — —	32.09
Total —	$3758.19

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. La Grange, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

July 26th 1876.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 18th inst, stating that the engraving of the letter "S" on the dime dies is so deep as to appear like the figure "8" on the struck pieces, and I have called the attention

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of the Engraver at Phila. to the fact, so that in future it may be corrected.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

July 26th 1876.

Sir:

Referring to the letter of this Office under date of March 14th 1876 you are informed, that the amount of Silver Away Coins of 1875 from your Mint, in the custody of the Supt. of the Philadelphia Mint, not being sufficient to pay the charges for transportation from St. Louis to New Orleans on the Subsidiary Silver coin, transferred from your Mint to the Asst. Treasurer of the U. S. in the last named City, as was contemplated in my letter above referred to, that the amount was paid from the Silver Profit Fund of the Philada. Mint.

I have therefore to request that you will draw upon the Supt. of the Philadelphia Mint for the proceeds of the Silver Away Coins of 1875 from your Mint in his hands, as follows, viz:

Trade Dollars	—	$798.00
Subsidiary Silver coin	—	515.40
	Total	$1.313.40

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Thos. C. Acton Esq.

July 26th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 25th inst. in relation to the claim of L. A. Garnett against your Office for alleged errors in assaying Doré Silver.

The views expressed by you in relation to the same are all very well as far as they go, but you have omitted the practical point, viz: What sum if any is justly due the Sellers of the bullion?

Some time since I instructed you to make no disposition of the surplus of the Melter & Refiner until further instructed. My intention was to procure your views as to the amount justly due the Sellers of the bullion, and have this amount paid out of the surplus; by authority of the Secretary of the Treasury, debiting your Profit and Loss ⅊ with the amount, and thus relieve you from the responsibility.

In this connection I deem it proper that we should be furnished with a statement showing as accurately as possible, the sources from whence the Melter and Refiner derived his surplus at the last settlement.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

July 26th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office.
New York.

Sir:

I have received your letter of yesterday, relating to the payment of Trade Dollars by the Mint at Philadelphia for deposits of Silver made at your Office.

I expect to go to Philadelphia in a day or two, and will endeavor to so adjust matters as to have the rights of all parties respected by having deposits paid according to priority of deposit.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

July 26th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 25th inst, asking upon what basis of compensation your Pay Rolls for salaries of Officers & Clerks, and Wages of Workmen, shall be computed, I have to inform you that the salaries, and wages of your Office for the month of July, will be computed at the same rate as paid during the last fiscal year.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

July 26th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

The authority given you on the 10th inst. to purchase 100,000 ounces of silver bullion at a price not exceeding the equivalent of the London rate, is hereby withdrawn.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

July 26th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I will thank you to call the attention of your Engraver to the following extract from a letter of Supt. La Grange, in relation to dies furnished the Mint at San Francisco:

"The engraving of the letter "S" on the Dime dies is so deep, that it appears like the figure "8" on the piece when struck."

In this connection I have to request that you will inform me what action you have taken in reference to filling the position made vacant by the death of Robert Jefferson.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

July 26th. 1876.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 25th. inst. transmitting a Report of Assay Coins received and deliveries made for quarter ending June 30th. 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. Mint, U. S. Philad.

July 26th. 1876.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for your information, copies of letters and documents received by this Office in relation to the proposed coinage by the Mint at Philadelphia of Nickel Coins for the Government of Venezuela.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadel.a

July 26th. 1876.

Sir:

In reply to your telegram of current date you are informed, that draft for July expenses will reach you by Saturday morning if not sooner.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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M. V. Davis Esq.

July 26th 1876.

Mint, San Francisco.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 18th inst. in relation to the blistering of the Silver Strips in annealing.

The subject has occupied the attention of the Operative Officers of the Mint at Philadelphia for a long time past, as much difficulty has been experienced in this matter.

The cause has been variously attributed to the bullion, the manufacturing of ingots and overheating in annealing, and probably lies in pouring the metal into the moulds at too low a temperature and too rapidly, thereby forming small cavities in the interior of the ingot which become filled with water in cooling, and on subsequent heating, raise blisters.

The objection however arises on the other hand, in casting metal too hot, of causing a greater loss by volatilization.

Overheating in annealing also will blister the best of metal. It would be well to inquire also, if the difficulty may not be attributed to imperfectly refined bullion.

I see no objection to the Melter and Refiner accompanying you to Boston, if the Superintendent gives his permission.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Telegram. M. V. Davis, July 26th 1876.

Mint, San Francisco.

It is absolutely necessary that the Western Mints should turn out all the Subsidiary Coin possible and consistent with the due execution of the work, advise the Superintendents accordingly.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Parker, Handy, Esq. July 26th 1876.

24 Nassau St. New York.

Sir:

I have received your letter of yesterday relating to the payment by the Mint at Philadelphia for deposits made by you at the New York Assay Office for coinage into Trade Dollars.

I expect to go to Philadelphia tomorrow or the day after, and will endeavor to arrange matters to your satisfaction.

I am indebted to you for the London quotations for silver sent yesterday.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Henry P. Mott, Esq. July 26th 1876.

Saratoga Springs,
New York.

Sir:

I have your postal card of the 24th inst. requesting to be informed of the component parts of a 5¢ nickel. The alloy for the 5 & 3¢ pcs. is composed of 75 pr. cent copper, and 25 per cent nickel.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman. Director.

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J. H. Morton, Esq.
Salt Lake City
Utah.

July 26th 1876.

Sir:

In response to your letter of July 25th requesting certain information respecting coin and coinage statistics, I send you by today's mail, a copy of my last Annual Report on pp 21-24-25-81, of which you will find the information you desire.

Very respectfully,
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. R. E. Rogers.
1004 Walnut St. Philadª

July 26th 1876.

I will come tomorrow or next day, glad to hear of your safe return.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. August Belmont & Co.
New York.

July 26th 1876.

We are not purchasing any silver at present.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Hon. John S. Savage
H. R.

July 26th 1876.

The coinage of the silver dollar was discontinued March 31st 1873.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock

July 27th 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Sir:

The Act approved July 24th 1876, authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury to limit from time to time, the coinage of Trade Dollars to the export demand.

There being at present no demand for export from the Atlantic Ports, and the requirement for subsidiary coins being pressing, the Secretary directs that you receive no more deposits for coinage into Trade Dollars until further notice. In the meantime you will run the Mint on Subsidiary Coins to its full capacity, and work such over-time as in your judgment can be advantageously employed.

These instructions will not prevent your making Trade Dollars to settle for deposits, heretofore made for return in such coin; but their coinage must not materially interfere, with the subsidiary coinage.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

July 27th 1876.

Supt. Mint, Philad.a

Sir:

Your letter of the 26th inst. enclosing statement of gold bullion and coin in your Bullion Fund at the close of business on the 24th inst. has been received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

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Hon. Lot M. Morrill July 27th 1876.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I am advised that the following items have been struck out by the Conference Committee, on the Sundry Civil Bill, viz:

"For fitting up an Assay Laboratory in the Office of the Director of the Mint - One thousand dollars. For Annealing furnaces draw benches, cutting machines, milling machines, coining presses &c. Sixty-three thousand dollars."

I fear that this was done under a misapprehension, and from the fact that at the Philadelphia Mint the coining machinery is quite adequate to coin all the ingots which the Melting and Refining Dept. is capable of preparing.

Referring to these items in the order in which they are above stated, I respectfully refer to my statements in former letters, in which I fully explained the absolute necessity for giving this Office the means of testing pieces of the Coinage taken from each monthly delivery, and without enlarging upon this point I may add, that I regard it as indispensible that facilities for assaying and testing the coinage from time to time, should be supplied this office.

With respect to the other item it was intended principally to increase the coinage capacity of the Mint at San Francisco by the addition of cutting machines, whitening and annealing furnaces &c. which were not deemed necessary when that Mint was fitted up. There is no difficulty in

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stamping all the coins that may be required, but the means for preparing the bullion prior to this operation are not proportionate to the stamping facilities, and it is to increase this capacity that the appropriation was requested.

The amount of work, which the Mints are now called upon to execute, is larger than at any previous time, and having but three coinage Mints, it is important to give them the utmost capacity, and it is much better to do this than to construct another Mint.

In connection with this subject, it is proper to state, that although the appropriations which have been requested for the support of the Mints may appear excessive to those not familiar with the details of Minting operations, they are absolutely necessary to meet the present and future coinage required.

It is probable that we shall in the end require nearly as large a coinage to be executed as the German Empire, which has eight Mints steadily at work.

I respectfully request that if it meet with your approval, you will procure the above estimates to be embraced in the Legislative Bill which is still pending in Conference Committee.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Telegram. Superintendent Mint July 27th 1876.
Carson, Nevada.

The demand for subsidiary coin is so great that you must run exclusively on those coins and necessary gold coinage. Receive no deposits for Trade Dollars until further instructed.

H. R. Linderman
Director

Jas. Crawford Esq. July 27th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson. Nev.

Sir:

A telegram sent you this day in the following words, is hereby confirmed:

"The demand for subsidiary coin is so great that you must run exclusively on those coins and necessary gold coinage. Receive no deposits for Trade Dollars until further instructed."

The Act of the 24th inst. repeals the legal tender of the Trade Dollar, and authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury to limit the coinage thereof to the actual export demand.

For obvious reasons we shall endeavor to meet the export demand at the San Francisco Mint, at least until the pressure for subsidiary coin shall have been relieved to some extent.

To coin Trade Dollars at your Mint, except to meet an actual export demand, would tend to encourage their local circulation, which would be contrary to the intention of the Act referred to.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director

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Jas. Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson.

July 27th 1876.

Sir:

In compliance with your request of the 14th inst, I have requested that the bullion fund of your Mint be increased by a transfer – of five hundred thousand dollars in gold coin, and that the amount be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at San Francisco.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint
Carson, Nevada.

July 27th 1876.

If transfer orders drawn on the twelfth instant have been presented ship without delay.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Jas. G. Fair, Esq.
Virginia, Nevada.

July 27th 1876.

Sir:

In relation to the consummation of the arrangement and agreement referred to by you in your letter of the 20th inst, I have to say, that I will present the matter for the consideration and action of the Secretary of the Treasury at an early day.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Telegram. Superintendent Mint July 27th 1876.
San Francisco.

The Act of July 24th inst. repeals the legal tender of the Trade Dollar and authorizes the Secretary to limit its coinage from time to time to the export demand, observing this last provision of law there is no objection to your coining as many trades as will not materially interfere with the gold and Subsidiary coinage in order that a small stock may accumulate to meet export demand.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange Esq. July 27th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

A telegram sent you this day in the following words, is hereby confirmed:

"The Act of July 24th inst. repeals the legal tender of the Trade Dollar and authorizes the Secretary to limit its coinage from time to time to the export demand, observing this last provision of law, there is no objection to your coining as may Trades as will not materially interfere with the gold and Subsidiary coinage in order that a small stock may accumulate to meet export demand."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Telegram. Superintendent Mint July 27th 1876.
San Francisco.

We have put your Mint down for Eight hundred thousand subsidiary coinage next month. Don't fail.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint July 27th 1876.
San Francisco.

Ship one hundred thousand dollars in Subsidiary coin to Assistant Treasurer at Chicago, on outstanding transfer orders without delay.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq. July 27th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

I enclose herewith for your information a copy of a letter addressed this day to the Supt. of the Mint at Philad.a, and by which you will be governed in reference to deposits offered at your Office for coinage into Trade Dollars.

If at any time these coins should be demanded for actual export, you will immediately advise this Office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

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Frank Koehne, Esq.

Nelsonville, Ohio.

July 27th 1876.

Sir:

Your letter of the 20th inst. addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, complaining that you were charged $1.50 in Silver or $1.60 in currency for a Trade Dollar at the Mint in Philadelphia, has been referred to this Office for reply.

The sets of coin or single pieces sold at the Mint to visitors are what is known as proof pieces, especially prepared from highly polished dies, and struck on a hand press, and a higher price than their nominal value is charged to meet this extra expense of manufacture.

The full amount received for them is paid into the U. S. Treasury.

When the price is paid in currency, a sufficient amount is charged to buy silver to replace that sold, and the brokers always charge a slight premium in selling silver.

I enclose for your further information a Circular relating to the sale of medals and proof coins furnished by the Supt. of the Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Telegram. Wells, Fargo & Co.

July 27th 1876.

San Francisco.

Referring to your notice to the Carson Mint, that after August first, gold coin will be required in payment for transporting silver coin, you are informed that the law expressly provides that such expenses shall be paid in silver coin, they cannot be paid in any other way, and if you adhere to the new regulation we will be compelled to transport by Postal cars. Answer.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Messrs. Hummel & Meng

July 27th 1876.

Philadelphia

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 25th inst. Invoice and Bill Lading for French Clay Crucibles shipped the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, has been received.

Your account has been approved and referred to the Accounting Officers for settlement, and in due course of business a draft for the amount will be sent.

I will thank you to forward a duplicate Bill Lading covering the shipment of the above mentioned crucibles as it is necessary to transmit one to the consignee.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Hon. J. S. Savage July 27th 1876.
H. R.

Sir:

In response to your note of yesterday asking whether there has been any actual coinage of the silver dollar since the Act of 1853, I send you a copy of my Report for 1873, on p. 52 of which you will find the amount coined for each year.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. L. M. Morrill July 27th 1876.
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the bullion fund of the Mint of the U. S. at Carson, Nev. be increased five hundred thousand dollars ($500.000.) by a transfer of that amount in gold coin, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Supt. of the Mint with the Assist. Treasurer of the U. S. at San Francisco.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Hon. Wm. Sharon July 27th 1876.
San Francisco.

See instructions sent Superintendent La Grange today.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Telegram. Supt. Mint, Philadelphia. July 27th 1876.

I will be at Mint Saturday morning to arrange for largely increased silver coinage. Have all the operative officers present.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. James G. Fair July 27th 1876.

Virginia, Nevada.

We will require silver at the rate of two million of ounces per month for some time to come. Can we depend on that amount. Answer.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Nevada Bank, San Francisco. July 27th 1876.

You will oblige us by forwarding fine silver to Philadelphia as rapidly as possible.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint, Carson. July 27th 1876.

We have put you down for Four Hundred Thousand Dollars Subsidiary Coinage next month, Don't fail.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Superintendent U. S. Assay Office New York. July 27th 1876.

Seventy six.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson.

July 28th 1876.

Sir:

The following despatch sent you last evening, is hereby confirmed, viz:

"We have put you down for four hundred thousand dollars subsidiary coinage next month, don't fail."

Very respectfully
Fred. Eckfeldt
Actg Director.

Jas. Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson. Nev.

July 28th 1876.

Sir:

Your letter of the 20th inst. enclosing certificate of Deposit for $3601.46 coin on account of proceeds of sale of old materials has been received.

Very respectfully
Fred. Eckfeldt
Actg Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadª

July 28th 1876.

Sir:

I am requested by Dr. Linderman to inform you that he is too unwell to go to Philadelphia this week.

Very respectfully
Fred. Eckfeldt
Actg Director.

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Prof. R. E. Rogers,
1004 Walnut St. Phila.

July 28th. 1876.

Sir:

I am requested by Dr. Linderman to inform you that he is too unwell to go to Philadelphia this week.

Very respectfully
Fred. Eckfeldt
Actg Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

July 28th. 1876.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you last evening is hereby confirmed, viz:

"We have put your Mint down for eight hundred thousand subsidiary coinage next month - Don't fail."

Very respectfully
Fred. Eckfeldt
Actg Director.

Jas. G. Fair, Esq.
Virginia City. Nevada.

July 28th. 1876.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you last evening is hereby confirmed, viz:

"We will require silver at the rate of two million of ounces per month for sometime to come, can we depend on that amount. Answer."

Very respectfully
Fred. Eckfeldt
Actg Director.

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N. K. Masten, Esq. July 28th 1876.
Cashier, Nevada Bank
San Francisco.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you last evening is hereby confirmed, viz:
"You will oblige us by forwarding fine silver to Philadelphia Mint, as rapidly as possible."

Very respectfully
Fred. Eckfeldt
Actg Director.

S. Wedeles, Esq July 29th 1876.
Box 1942 New York.

Sir:

Your letter undated, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, asking for information whether you can exchange a Trade Dollar for a gold dollar, and the difference in value between a gold, a silver, and a trade dollar, has been referred to this Office for reply.

The Trade Dollar is not exchangeable for a gold dollar. The Silver Bill which has recently become a law, removed from the Trade Dollar its legal-tender qualifications, and limited the manufacture to the actual export demand. It is not therefore a current coin, and its value, as well as the value of the subsidiary coin, depending upon the price of Silver as compared with gold, is fluctuating.

Taking the last London quotation for Silver, 50 pence per ounce, British Standard fine, the value of a trade dollar in gold is 86 2/100 ¢, the value of the old Silver

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dollar of 412½ grs. is 84 $\frac{77}{100}$ ¢, and of two half dollars 79 $\frac{28}{100}$ ¢.

Very respectfully
Fred. Eckfeldt
Actg Director.

Louis McLane, July 29th 1876.
Prest Nevada Bank,
San Francisco.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your telegram of the 28th inst, in relation to the amount of Silver bullion which you can furnish monthly to the Government, I have to say that our telegram to Mr. Fair meant that our consumption of Silver at all the Coinage Mints, would be at the rate of 2,000,000 ounces fine silver per month, of which we expect to use fully one half at the Philad^a. Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. R. J. Stevens, July 29th 1876.
Committee Appropriations, H.R.

I suppose your despatch refers to Charlotte appropriations. I recommend that Assayers salary be made twelve hundred dollars and the Melter one thousand dollars. The appropriations for labor and other expenses should be increased to one thousand dollars.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Telegram. Wells Fargo & Co. July 29th 1876.

San Francisco.

All we ask is that you continue to accept Subsidiary Silver coin at its nominal or face value, for transportation of such coin as heretofore.

We are not contemplating the transfer of any bullion at present, but will write you in relation to the same.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

A. Superintendent Mint, July 29th 1876.
Carson, Nevada.

Drafts for Salaries, Wages and Contingent Expenses mailed on the twenty seventh instant.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

A.

A. J. Walls Esq. July 31st 1876.
1411 G. St.
Washington. D. C.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 28th inst, relative to the value in U. S. Coin of the Russian Ruble.

As the matter to which you call my attention and request information is now pending before a Committee in Congress, I am of the opinion that the request should come from that Committee.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Jas. Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson. Nev.

July 31st. 1876.

Sir:

I have to request that you will transmit as early as practicable, the various Annual Statements of the operations of your Mint for the fiscal year ended June 30th. 1876.

We are awaiting the receipt of them to compile the Statements for the Annual Report.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Jas. Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson. Nev.

July 31st. 1876.

Sir:

I have to request that you will in future give me ten days notice by telegraph, before you may require further supplies of doré Silver to refine at your Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

M. T. Bonzano, Esq.
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
New Orleans.

July 31st. 1876.

Sir:

Your letter of the 27th. inst. transmitting your a/c of Ordinary Expenses for the month of June 1876, has been received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

July 31st 1876.

Sir:

Referring to that portion of your letter of the 27th inst. relating to filling the place made vacant by the death of Robt. Jefferson, and your unwillingness to consent to the promotion of Mr. McCann, I have to state that the Mint Law is somewhat obscure as to the rule which is to be followed in such a case.

The nomination of the Engraver ceases with your refusal to appoint, and the practical question is, whether the Engraver should submit another nomination, or the Supt. promote an employé to the vacant position without reference to the wishes of the Engraver.

I am inclined to think that the letter of the law would permit the Supt. to do this, but the evident intention and spirit of the law is to allow the Operative Officers to have a voice in the appointment or promotion of those for whom he is responsible, and on whom he must rely for the proper execution of the details of his work.

If I remember rightly, Mr. Jefferson's principal duty was, hardening dies, and on one occasion he told me that he was training Mr. McCann for that work.

Without claiming the right to decide the question which has arisen in this case, I will suggest as a rule of action, that if you think Mr. McCann competent to fill the position, his nomination by the Engraver had better be confirmed, but if Mr. Straub understands the business of

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hardening dies better than Mr. McCann, the Engraver should conform to your wishes.

The recent difficulties which we have had with the coinage in the Western Mints, mainly due to a want of skill in the workmen, makes me feel more than ordinarily anxious to have trained and skilled workmen in every department.

I wish to interfere as little as possible with the interior details of the Mints, and hope that you and the Engraver will be able to settle the question which has arisen promptly in the interests of the Public Service.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock — July 31st 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint. Philadª.

Sir:

Your letter of the 29th inst. relative to the non-receipt of draft in payment for three first class Life-Saving-Medals, forwarded by you on the 28th ult, has been referred to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock — July 31st 1876.

Supt. Mint. Philadª.

Sir:

Please send impressions of the two pattern dies prepared by Mr. Barber, for a proposed Silver Dollar.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman. Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

July 31st 1876.

Sir:

I desire to have the opinion of the Assayer of your Mint on a point which has arisen in reference to one of the purchasers of Doré Bullion and which bullion was assayed and refined at the New York Assay Office.

I had expected that the Supt. of the Assay Office would have expressed an opinion as to what amount, if any, is justly due the sellers of the bullion, but he appears unwilling to do this, and I am not disposed to press the point further.

I enclose all the papers in relation to the case, which you will please hand to the Assayer, and inform him that I desire his view as an experienced expert to aid me in arriving at a just conclusion.

It is very evident that unless this case be fairly settled, the parties will go to Congress for relief, and it is much better that the proper authorities should make a just settlement of it, provided it can be done within the provisions of law.

You will please return the enclosed papers with the Assayer's report.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

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Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

July 31st 1876.

Sir:

Your letter of the 27th inst. enclosing the following Statements, have been received viz:
Earnings & Expenditures 2d. quarter 1876
Melter & Refiner's Copper a/c do
Silver transportation Expenses do
Silver Profits, Coinage Charges } Parting &c charges and Minor }
Coinage a/c for the six months ended June 30th 1876.
Statement of Earning & Expenditures and Ordinary Expenses, for the fiscal year ended June 30th 1876.

In regard to the Silver Profits due the U. S. at the close of the fiscal year, I have to request that you will deposit to the credit of the Treasurer of the U. S. on account of Profits on Silver with the Asst. Treasurer U. S. in your City the sum of $26,775.21 in quarter dollars.

This will leave a balance of $350.000. to be deposited, and which will be done through the Treasurer of the U. S. in the following manner,

The Treasurer when drawing his transfer drafts, covering $350.000. will issue and forward to you certificates of deposit, and an order transferring the amount to the credit of your bullion fund.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

July 31st 1876.

Sir:

In reference to your letter of the 29th inst. enclosing a communication from the Melter and Refiner, relating to increasing the working capacity of his department. I have to say that the necessities of the public service require that your Mint should be brought up to its utmost capacity, with as little delay as possible, and it will be necessary for the Melter and Refiner to do all that is required to that end, - in which you and he will receive my earnest support.

I am awaiting the passage of the Legislative Appropriation Bill, to give positive instructions on this subject. I shall be in Philadelphia as soon as this Bill is finally acted upon, in the meantime go ahead in conformity with the plan indicated.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. La Grange Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

July 31st 1876.

Sir:

I have to request that you will in future give me ten days notice by telegraph, before you may require further supplies of Doré Silver to refine at your Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

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O. H. La Grange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

July 31st 1876.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 18th inst. enclosing voucher for final payment on account of their contract to furnish Steam Engines, Boilers Shafting &c for the new Mint at San Francisco and asking to be furnished with a copy of a letter from the Department, authorizing such payment, I have to state that I never saw, nor did I bring any such letter East with me in the fall of 1875, and furthermore, from a careful examination of the records of the Dept. it does not appear that any such letter was ever written.

I return herewith the voucher of Messrs. Borth & Co.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. La Grange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

July 31st 1876.

Sir:

I transmit herewith duplicate Bill Lading for two casks French Clay Crucibles, shipped you on the 18th inst. by Messrs. Hummel & Meng, Philadelphia.

These Crucibles were purchased in accordance with the request contained in your letter of May 18th 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Edward C. Kehr — July 31st 1876.

House of Representatives.

Sir:

As per request contained in your note of the 29th inst. I take pleasure in mailing to your address today, a copy of my Annual Report for the year 1873.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Superintendent Assay Office N.Y. — July 31st 1876.

We cannot purchase on basis of Trade Dollars but will give the equivalent of London rates.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Superintendent U. S. Assay Office, N.Y. — July 31st 1876.

See Handy and Seligman. We will purchase their Silver heretofore deposited for Trade Dollars at equivalent of London rate.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Lot M. Morrill — August 1st 1876.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

Acknowledging the reference to this Office of a communication from the Chairman of the Finance Committee U. S. Senate, requesting an estimate of the amount of Silver Coin which the Mints can execute, working to their utmost capacity, - prior to the 1st July 1878, I have the honor to state that I estimate the capacity of the Mints to be equal to the Coinage of Two

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Millions Subsidiary Silver Coinage, and Five Hundred Thousand in Trade Dollars per month, which would give thirty millions per annum, and about sixty millions for the period named.

This estimate contemplates the execution during the same period, of the usual Gold and Minor Coinages.

Allowing one month for the Annual Settlement and repairs, would make the total estimate of the Silver coinage capacity prior to July 1, 1878, Fifty-Five Million of Dollars.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

The letter of the Chairman of the Finance Committee U. S. S. is herewith returned. H.R.L.

Hon. Jas. Pollock — August 1st 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint, Philad.
Sir:

The Secretary complains of the small amount of Silver (Subsidiary) coin now being manufactured.

You are instructed to forthwith put the Mint in condition to work to its utmost capacity on half and quarter dollars including a portion, say half, of the Dime Coinage heretofore requested.

It will be necessary to cancel all leaves of absences which will interfere with full coining operations, put on additional force if required, and work overtime.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock — August 1st 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 31st ult. transmitting the Coiner's Monthly Report of Coinage executed for July 1876.

The Subsidiary Silver Coinage for the last month at your Mint is much less than we expected. I suppose it is due to the interruption caused by the Annual Settlement, the usual absence allowed employés and the extreme heat which prevailed during a large portion of the month. The latter however has been semi-officially denied.

It will be necessary for you to put all your force immediately at work and turn out all the coins you can.

You will have to work overtime on the subsidiary coinage - the expense of which if necessary, will be advanced out of funds available for that purpose.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. E. Acton, Esq. — August 1st 1876.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

I will thank you to inform this Office if the 100.000. ounces fine silver purchased by you on the 6th ult. has all been delivered.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

Thos. C. Acton, Esq. August 1st 1876.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

Your letter of the 31st ult. enclosing Account current of the Bullion Fund of your Office, and Statement of items composing the same has been received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Superintendent Assay Office August 1st 1876.
New York.

We do not wish to purchase any silver, but will take Handy's and Seligman's deposits for Trade Dollars at equivalent of London rate.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Parker Handy August 1st 1876.
24 Nassau St. New York.

We do not wish to purchase any Silver, but will take the Trade Dollar deposits heretofore made at equivalent of London rate.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Parker Handy August 1st 1876.
24 Nassau St. N. Y.

We cannot pay more than the equivalent of the London rate on day of sale. Will try to have Trade Dollar deposits heretofore made coined without delay.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Parker Handy, Esq.

August 1st 1876.

24 Nassau St.
New York.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you this day in reply to your dispatch offering to sell 100,000. oz. fine silver at today's London rate, is hereby confirmed, viz:

"We do not wish to purchase any silver but will take the Trade Dollar deposits heretofore made at equivalent of London rate."

Our offer to purchase Trade Dollar deposits, heretofore made, was simply for the purpose of relieving depositors from the annoyance of the unavoidable delay in the payment of the same and ourselves from the serious embarrassment and interference caused thereby with the subsidiary coinage upon which we are in a great measure compelled to run the Mints to their full capacity to meet the demands of the Government.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

Superintendent Mint
San Francisco.

Aug. 1st, 1876.

Department complains of small amount of subsidiary coin manufactured. Coin half and quarter dollars to your full capacity and work overtime.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Telegram. Superintendent Mint
San Francisco.

August 1st 1876.

Drafts mailed on twenty seventh ultimo.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

M. F. Bonzano, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
New Orleans.

August 1st 1876.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 28th ult. transmitting copies of the correspondence relating to the proposed seizure of the Mint at New Orleans, and have referred the same to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint
Carson.

Aug. 1st 1876.

Coin half and quarter dollars to your full capacity and work overtime.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Aug. 2d 1876.

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 1st inst. transmitting three impressions of the pattern dies prepared by Mr. Barber for the proposed Silver Dollar.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock — August 2d. 1876.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for your information copy of a letter addressed to this Office by the Secretary of the Treasury under date of the 31st ult., authorizing such increase of Minor Coinage as may be necessary to meet the requirements therefor.

In making this increase in the minor coinage, you will be careful to comply strictly with the instructions of the Secretary of the Treasury.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock — August 2d. 1876.

Supt. U. S. Mint, Philad.

Sir:

I have received the Oaths of Office of the following persons employed in your Mint, viz:
Miss. Sarah Hamrick, Adjuster.
Miss. Mary E. Maher.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Supt. Mint, Philadelphia. — Aug. 2d. 1876.

Before you leave make all necessary arrangement for rapid coinage of subsidiary silver, authorize full available overtime and furnish operative officers all the means and aid required. Secretary very decided and urgent.

H. R. Linderman, Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

August 2d. 1876.

Sir:

Your Ck of expenses incurred in placing case of Medals and Coins in Government Building at Centennial Exhibition, has been transmitted to Mr. Sayler, as requested by you.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

August 1st. 1876.

Sir:

Your letter of the 1st inst. enclosing Statements of Minor Coinage Operations, and of Minor Coins Redeemed, Reissued and Exchanged during the month of July 1876, has been received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

Aug. 2d. 1876.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 1st inst. transmitting Statement in Settlement of Coiner's Account, also Coiner's Report of Gold and Silver Workings for the months of April, May and June 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman. Director

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A. U. Wyman Esq. August 2. 1876.
Treasurer, U. S.

Sir:

From the accounts of the Superintendent of the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, it appears that there is a balance to the credit of the Silver Profit Fund of $350.000.

To obviate any delay in the payment of transfer orders, and at the same time to have the Profits on Silver Coinage deposited in the Treasury as required by law, I have to respectfully request, that you will when issuing orders for the transfer of Silver coin from the Mint at Philadelphia, issue Certificates of Deposit to the amount of $350.000. on account of Profits on Silver Coinage.

Very respectfully
H. P. Linderman
Director.

A. W. Downing Esq. Aug. 2. 1876.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your a/c for traveling expenses from Carlon to Philadelphia has been approved, and referred to the accounting Officers for settlement, and in due course of business a draft for the amount will be transmitted you.

I have instructed the Supt. of the Mint to pay you for 31 days' services in July at the rate of $7.- per day, and an allowance will be made you for two Sundays in June at $7.- per day, and a draft for the amount sent you in the course of a few days.

Very respectfully
H. P. Linderman. Director.

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Thos. L. Acton, Esq.

Aug. 2d. 1876.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office.
New York.

Sir:

We shall no doubt require the Silver parted from Doré purchases and the Parker Handy bars to be transmitted to the Philadelphia Mint during the present month.

Please have the same made ready for shipment, and advise this Office when transfer can be made.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Supt. Assay Office. N. Y.

Aug. 2d. 1876.

See Handy & Seligman - If they desire to sell Trade Dollar deposits at equivalent of London rate we will purchase. This offer good for today only.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Messrs. Rosengarten & Sons
Philadelphia.

Aug. 2d. 1876.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 1st. inst. transmitting Invoice and Bill Lading in duplicate for 10 Boxes Chemically Pure Nitric Acid, shipped the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, on the 28th. ult:, has been received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. La Grange, Esq. August 2: 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir,

In order that this Office may be duly advised at different times of the amount of Silver Bullion on hand, you are hereby instructed and directed to report by telegraph on the first and fifteenth of each month, the amount of Silver Bullion in the Bullion Fund of your Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to
James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson.

O. H. La Grange, Esq. Aug. 2: 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have received the Official oath of E. F. Boyle, Helper in the Melter & Refiner's dept. of your Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegrams. Superintendent Mint August 2: 1876.
San Francisco.

What coinage of half and quarter dollars can we depend on this month. Spare no effort to make it as large as possible.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

August 2d. 1876.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 25th. ult. transmitting a copy of the Assayer's Report on Special Test coins of Carson Coinage for June, 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

August 2d. 1876.

Sir:

You will deposit as early as practicable with the Assistant Treasurer in your city, to the credit of the Treasurer of the U. S. the amount of Profits on Silver Coinage, transferable June 30th. 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Aug. 2d. 1876.

Sir:

You are hereby instructed to discontinue reporting the monthly operations of the Refinery by telegraph, unless specially asked for, but you will report the same by mail.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Telegram. Superintendent Mint August 2nd 1876.
San Francisco.

State by telegraph amount of Silver Profits on hand.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint August 2nd 1876.
Carson, Nevada.

What coinage of half and quarter dollars can we depend upon this month. Spare no efforts to make it as large as possible.

H. R. Linderman
Director

Telegram. Superintendent Mint August 2nd 1876.
Carson. Nevada.

Parting and refining charges cannot be used until the appropriation bill authorizing their use becomes a law, when it does definite instructions will be given you.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint August 2nd 1876.
Carson, Nevada.

Has Doré bullion purchased on the seventh ultimo for your Mint been delivered. answer.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Parker Handy, Esq.

24 Nassau St. New York.

August 8th 1876.

Sir:

I have your letter of yesterday stating that you had sold to the Assay Office, N.Y. about 100,000. oz. fine silver on the basis of the equivalent of London rate 50 3/4 pence, exchange 490, equivalent on U. S. Money to 1.12 per ounce fine.

The Philadelphia Mint has been instructed to furnish you the memorandum requested, and to pay you in gold coin by check on Assistant Treasurer U. S. N.Y. for the Seligman Trade Dollar Deposits, as soon as you furnish the Original Mint Certificate of Deposit issued to Seligman's or their Agent properly assigned to you.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

H. K. Masten, Esq.

Cash.r Nevada Bank

San Francisco.

Aug. 8th 1876.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for your information copy of a letter addressed by this Office to the Supt. of the Mint at Philadelphia, relative to payment for 750,000 ounces fine silver purchased from you under date of the 8th ult.o to be delivered at that Mint.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

August 3d. 1876.

Sir:

Referring to the letter of this Office under date of the 12th ult: advising you of the purchase from the Nevada Bank of San Francisco, of 750,000, ounces fine silver to be delivered at your Mint, I have to state that this silver, by the terms of the agreement, is to be paid for at the equivalent of the London rate, July 8th. 1876, which according to our advices was forty-seven (47) pence nominal, equivalent in United States money, with Sterling Exchange at 490½ to 103 84/100 per ounce fine.

There is a dispute between ourselves and the Nevada Bank, with regard to the London price for silver on the day of purchase, and in order to settle the matter, the necessary steps have been taken to ascertain at what rate transactions in Silver were actually made in London on that day, but this, it is not supposed will in any manner interfere with the delivery of the Silver by the Bank.

You will make payment on account thereof on delivery, and melt and assay at your Mint, at the rate of 103 84/100 per ounce fine, leaving the question of final payment open until further advised by this Office.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

August 3d. 1876.

Sir:

We purchased yesterday at $1.12 per ounce fine of Parker Handy all of his deposits made at the Assay Office for Trade Dollars, the purchase also includes the deposits for trade dollars made by Seligmans at your Mint.

You will send Parker Handy a memorandum of the Seligman deposits, showing the net amount due in T. D. for the same and on Mr. Handy presenting to you the original certificate of deposits issued to Seligman or his Agents properly assigned, you will treat the same as a purchase made by authority of this Office, and pay for it in gold coin by check on the Assist. Treasurer U. S. at New York at the rate of $1.12 per ounce fine.

The Parker Handy deposits at the Assay Office, will be settled for through that Office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. J. C. Booth,
Mint, Philad.a.

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The exigency renders it necessary that all absences be cancelled, no new ones granted for the present, and the entire force go to work at once.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Lot M. Morrill — August 8th 1876.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to hand you herewith, a brief review of the legislation which has hitherto taken place in relation to the coin standard of the United States, the same having been prepared in compliance with your verbal request.

Very respectfully
Your obt Servant
H. R. Linderman
Director Mint.

Relative to United States Coin Standard.

The original Coinage Act, April 2, 1792, established the double standard of Gold and Silver on the relative valuation of fifteen to one, which proportion in the coinage was believed to correspond with the commercial relation of the two metals. It was soon found, however, that Gold was undervalued in the United States coinage, and the gold coins were nearly always at a premium, and were exported as soon as issued from the Mint.

As early as 1819, the subject of a remedy for this evil received the attention of some of the most prominent Statesmen of that day.

The discussion continued for fifteen years, at length, in June 1834, the value of Gold in the coinage was increased 6 $\frac{68}{1000}$ per cent; — This corresponded to a ratio of nearly sixteen to one. The law making this change

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simply reduced the weight of the Gold coins, and omitted any reference to the Silver coins, or to a proportional standard for Silver and Gold as in the Act of 1792.

The double standard established by the Act last referred to was abolished by the change in the valuation of the metals, made in the Act of 1834.

The section of the Act of 1792 is as follows:

Sec. 11. "And be it further enacted "That the proportional value of gold to "Silver in all coins which shall by law "be current as money within the United "States shall be as fifteen to one, accord-"ing to quantity in weight of pure gold or "pure silver; that is to say, every fifteen "pounds weight of pure silver shall be of "equal value in all payments with one "pound weight of pure gold, and so in pro-"portion as to any greater or less quantities "of the respective metals."

For some reason which cannot now be clearly ascertained, the silver dollar authorized by the Act of 1792, and which was of less value than the gold coin, did not enter to any extent into circulation as money, and its coinage was suspended at the close of the year 1804 by order of the President of the United States, up to which time, there had been only 1,439,517 coined.

No silver dollars were struck from that time until 1837, except some specimen pieces in 1836, to illustrate a new die, and which were not issued.

The coins of less denomination than the dollar entered more freely into circulation

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no doubt, on account of a requirement for the same for the purpose of making change.

In the legislation of 1834, as in 1792, the gold coinage was based on a valuation thought to correspond with its commercial relation to silver, but it was soon found that the new ratio undervalued silver, and the silver coins commanded a premium.

In about thirteen years, 1851-2 the silver coins had nearly all disappeared, and a new adjustment again became necessary. After a somewhat protracted discussion, an act was passed in 1853, demonetizing the Half Dollar, Quarter Dollar, Dime and Half Dime. This insured the retention of coins of these denominations in circulation.

The silver dollar was not referred to in this act, and probably for the reason that it never had constituted any appreciable portion of the circulating medium, and that a gold dollar or unit had been authorized four years previously and had already entered largely into circulation.

With the exception of the fractional divisions of the dollar for change purposes, gold became the practical monetary standard, in the year 1834, and continued so until 1873, when it was made by law the exclusive coin standard of value.

This Act declared the gold dollar to be the unit of value, and discontinued the coinage of the silver dollar. It should here be stated, that no act of Congress, except that of April 2. 1792, made any reference to a proportional standard of gold and silver, but simply changed weight,

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fineness, or legal tender, and this course was followed in omitting the Silver Dollar in the Coinage Act of 1873.

For many years prior to the Act of 1873, gold appears to have been recognized as the practical monetary standard of the United States, in legislation and in Treasury transactions.

The Act of February 21, 1853, demonetizing the silver coins, authorized their issue in exchange only for gold coins, and gold coins thus received were to be used in the purchase of silver bullion for coinage.

The Act of March 3d. 1863, authorized the Treasury to receive deposits of gold coins and bullion in sums of not less than twenty dollars, and issue certificates therefor, corresponding with the denominations of United States notes.

Foreign exchanges have been adjusted for many years on the gold basis, and the silver dollar never entered into the fixing of international exchanges, international tariffs or United States payments.

Taking these facts into consideration, it is clear that the general understanding at home and abroad, has long been that the coin standard in this Country was gold and that when the word "coin" was used in connection with the transactions of the Government, it meant gold coin of the existing weight and fineness, and only such coin.

Silver dollars certainly could not have been intended as the money in which the national coin obligations were to be discharged, for not a single piece

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was struck from 1815 to 1837, and from 1837 to 1873 the coinage amounted to but $6,606,321, and during this period they were at a sufficient premium to cause them to be melted or exported as soon as issued.

The Coinage Act of 1873, in so far as it made gold the sole standard of value, simply confirmed by legal provision the relation which gold had actually held in this Country since 1834.

Prior to 1860, no silver of any account except a small percentage contained in gold, had been produced in the United States, but gold had been produced continuously from 1824, and our Country was known all over the World as a producer of gold.

The legislation of 1873, which finally completed the establishment of the gold standard, removed the technical grounds on which alone the silver dollar occupied the position of a legal tender money.

From the foregoing facts, the conclusion appears to be well established, that United States Bonds, which are by their terms, payable in "Coin" cannot, with a due regard to our faith as a Nation, be justly paid otherwise than in gold coin, and that even if they could be lawfully paid in silver dollars, it would not be sound policy to so pay them.

From the day that authority should be given to discharge the existing National obligations in silver coin on the basis of an over valuation ranging from fifteen to twenty per cent (fluctuating with the rise

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and fall of silver) depreciation in value would immediately commence, and their market value would soon fall to the bullion value of the silver coin.

Our credit, which is a matter of the most vital importance would receive a shock disastrous in its consequences, and from which there would not be a recovery for years to come.

In modern times there has never been an instance of a Government undertaking to give unlimited tender coins a value above that of the market rate of bullion; the relative value of the two precious metals to each other, and of both as to other articles, has always been taken into account in fixing money standards, and the metals have been valued in the coinage accordingly.

This refers only to the time since dishonest and unscrupulous Kings ceased to rob their subjects by debasing the coins.

The proposition now made is not to authorize a coin hitherto unknown, and give it a fictitious value by an exercise of supreme authority, but to revive a coin which will be more than sixteen per cent less valuable than it was when it was discontinued by law, and force it upon the people by giving it the power of unlimited tender.

This would be an experiment full of hazard as to future contracts and would place the business of the Country upon a fictitious basis. All values would fluctuate with the variation which (over)

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may take place in the value of silver.

If all these objections however, were removed, it cannot be regarded as just or politic to discharge previous contracts with coins known to be overvalued at the time of authorizing their issue for that purpose.

It will be seen from the foregoing that all the legislation made in the United States to adjust the gold and silver coinage on a basis intended to insure their concurrent circulation proved unsuccessful.

This Country cannot afford to adopt any policy which would deprive it of the advantages of a gold currency. The revival of the old silver dollar, with full legal tender, would be in effect the establishment of the silver standard to the exclusion of gold. Of this there cannot be a reasonable doubt.

The serious decline in the value of silver which has taken place during the last four years, has produced complications and embarrassments in monetary systems, which would appear to render an International Convention necessary. The difficulties which have arisen are due, more to the separate action of individual Countries in changing coinage systems, than to any other cause, and to attempt to remedy the evils by continued independent action will probably tend to a further complication of the existing troubles.

By acting together and on a common basis, any plan agreed upon would be suc-

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cessful, and probably not require readjustment for a long time to come.

In this way only does it appear likely that the use of both the precious metals as effective money can be insured.

(Signed) H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.

August 3d. 1876.

M. E. Bonzano, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

August 3d. 1876.

Sir:

Referring to your c/c of Ordinary Expenses for the month of June 1876, I have to call your attention to Voucher #59, for water supply from July 1st. to Sept. 30th. 1876.

As the period embraced in this bill does not come within the fiscal year ended June 30th. 1876, it cannot be paid from the appropriation for that year, and you will please withdraw the same from your account.

Referring to the c/c for $15.20 which accompanies your account, I will thank you to inform me what portion of the same belongs to each of the appropriations Salaries, Wages & Contingent Expenses.

I return the "Abstract of Incidental Expenses" and "c/c current" for correction.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

August 2nd 1876.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, with my approval the account of A. W. Denning for 31 days' services, on special duty during the month of July. Considering everything, I think it nothing more than fair, that Mr. Denning should be paid for Sundays, and have accordingly included the same, in making up his account, and which you are hereby authorized to pay from the appropriation for wages of Workmen at your Mint, for the current fiscal year.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Jas. Crawford Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson. Nev.

Aug. 4th 1876.

Sir;

I transmit herewith for your information, copies of telegraphic correspondence, between this Office and Wells Fargo & Co's Express relative to the payment for transportation of Subsidiary Silver coin, and from which it will be seen that the Express will as heretofore, accept Subsidiary Silver coin at its nominal value for the transportation of such coin.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson. Nev.

August 4th 1876.

Sir:

You are hereby instructed to discontinue reporting the monthly operations of your Refinery by telegraph unless the same shall be specially called for, but you will report the same promptly by mail.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Jas. Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson.

August 4th 1876.

Sir:

I have received properly signed bill of Wells Fargo & Co., for shipment of silver to St. Louis, belonging to your Bullion A/c for the 1st Quarter 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Aug. 4th 1876.

Sir,

If practicable, I have to request that you will procure for the use of this Office the daily London quotation for silver from the first of January last to this date.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

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Hon. Jas. Pollock

August 4th 1876.

Supt. Mint. Philad.a

Sir:

The necessity which exists for the immediate Coinage of Silver to the utmost capacity of the Mint, renders it necessary to instruct you to require all absentees to return to their duties at once, and that no farther leave of absence, except for sickness, be granted.

The employés usually engaged on the Silver Coinage (in all departments) must be required to work such overtime as they can endure without injury to their health, or endangering the proper execution of the Coinage.

These instructions will not apply to employés not engaged upon the manipulations appertaining to the Coinage.

I have informed the Secretary that you have been instructed to bring the Mint to its utmost capacity and full discretion as to necessary means given you. He has required a daily Statement of your coinage to be presented him in order that he may know how the work progresses.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

August 4th. 1876.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of yesterday I have to state, that the Treasurer will only issue certificates of deposits covering amount of Silver Profits on hand as he draws his transfer drafts upon your bullion fund to the amount of $350.000.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Aug. 4th. 1876.

Sir:

I return herewith my letter of the 2d. inst, properly signed.

Your action in paying Mr. Denning's bill from Subsidiary Silver Fund, is approved.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philad.a

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Sir:

You will please forward to this office without delay, an approximate estimate of the amount of Silver bullion in the bullion fund of your Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock — August 4th 1876.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

You are authorized to advertise for proposals for such quantities of metals for the minor coinage as you may deem necessary.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaFrange, Esq. — August 4th 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for your information copies of telegraphic correspondence between this Office and Wells Fargo & Co's Express, relative to the payment for transportation of Subsidiary Silver coin and from which it will be seen that the Express Co. will as heretofore accept Subsidiary Silver coin at its nominal value for the transportation of such coin.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. A. L. Snowden, Mint, Philad.a — Aug. 4th 1876.

The present force must be put to work immediately and overtime worked to the full extent necessary to turn out the largest coinage possible. I will be over soon as Appropriation Bill passes.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Charles Beardsley, Esq. Aug. 4th 1876.
Burlington, Iowa.

Sir:

As per request contained in your letter of the 31st ult. I have mailed to your address this day, a copy of my Annual Report for the years 1873 and 1875, - together with my Report of an examination of the Branch Mints at San Francisco and Carson City, which may be of interest to you.

I would send you my Report for the year 1874 but for the fact that the edition is quite exhausted.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Prof. R. E. Rogers Aug. 4th 1876.
Philadelphia. Pa.

Sir:

I have received from Messrs. Steiger & Herr, their bill for four boiling furnaces shipped the Mint at Philadelphia. I will thank you to inform me whether their bill was to be paid in coin or currency.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. Lafrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

August 5th 1876.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary Expense &c of the Supt. of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco for the month of June 1876. Your attention is respectfully called to petty bill #34 for payment of subscription to Daily Stock Report, and I have to request that the same be disallowed in the settlement of the a/c, not being a necessary and legitimate item of Mint Expense; transmitting Government message. I have to request that in future you will require the number of words of each dispatch to be stated on the bill; otherwise it is impossible to decide whether the amounts charged are correct.

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I have also to call your attention to the bills of the Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph Co, which have been paid at Gold rates. All Government dispatches are payable at currency rates & the amount overpaid should be refunded.

Very respectfully
H. P. Linderman
Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon,
1st Auditor

Sir: I transmit herewith for adjustment the &c of the manufacture of Subsidiary Silver Coin at the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, for the month of June, 1876.

Very respectfully
H. P. Linderman, Director.

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O. H. La Grange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Aug. 5th 1876.

Sir:

I have received your communication of the 27th ult. forwarding properly signed Gold Deposit Warrant #285 and Silver Deposit Warrant #170, belonging to your Bullion A/cs for the Fourth Quarter 1875, and have referred the same to the First Auditor of the Treasury.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. La Grange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Aug. 5th 1876.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the Accounting Officers of the Dept. for adjustment your A/c of the manufacture of Subsidiary Silver Coin for the month of June 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon,
1st Auditor.

Aug. 5th 1876.

Sir:

I hand you herewith Gold Deposit Warrant #2856 and Silver Deposit Warrant #170, belonging to the Bullion A/cs of the Supt. of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco for the Fourth Quarter 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director

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J. T. L. Schirmer, Esq.

Assayer in Chg Mint
Denver.

Aug. 5th 1876.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 31st ult. transmitting Annual Statements of the business of your Mint for the fiscal year ended June 30th 1876.

Although the statements are at variance and incorrectly returned, I will be able to make the necessary corrections from your figures without the delay incident to returning them to you.

You return as gold $745,676.47 when according to your own showing $9.967.76 of that amount is Silver, and your Statement exhibitt $6031.00 of silver of which $507.49 is gold.

The mere fact of silver being in a deposit of gold bullion does not make it gold, nor should it be so accredited, and the same in relation to gold contained in Silver.

The total amount of gold and silver agrees with your other statements, the error is in the amounts of the respective metals.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Jeremiah Colburn, Esq. Aug. 5th 1876.

Boston, Mass.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 1st inst. relative to procuring a copy of the Diplomatic Medal.

The Supt. of the Mint at Philadª was authorized sometime since to have copies prepared and this Medal placed in the regular list of Medals for sale.

If this has not as yet been done, I presume it is owing to the extraordinary press of business incident to preparing silver coin for redemption of fractional currency.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Frank C. Wright, Esq. Aug. 5th 1876.

259 W. 43d St.

New York.

Sir:

I have received your note of the 3d inst, relative to disposing of certain dies and hubs, executed by the late C. C. Wright.

We have no specific appropriation for purchasing such articles, still if the price is not too high we might manage to pay for them, and I will thank you to mention the lowest amount you will be willing to accept.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. La Grange, Esq. Aug. 5th. 1876.
Supt. U. S. Mint, San Francisco.

Sir;

I have referred to the Accounting Officers of the Dept. for adjustment your Ordinary Expenses &c for the month of June 1876.

Petty-bill #34, being payment for subscription to Daily Stock Report, cannot be allowed in the settlement of your a/c, the same not being a proper item of Mint Expense.

Referring to the bill of the Western Union Telegraph Co., for transmitting Government messages, I have to request that in future you will require the number of words of each dispatch to be stated on the bill;- otherwise it is impossible to decide whether the amounts charged are correct.

I have also to call your attention to the bills of the Atlantic & Pacific Telegraph Co, which have been paid at gold rates. All Government dispatches are payable at currency rates, & the amount overpaid should be refunded.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon Aug. 5th. 1876.
1st Auditor.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary Expense &c of the Supt. of the Mint at San Francisco for the month of June 1876.

Your attention is respectfully called to petty bill #34, for payment of subscription to Daily Stock Report, and I have to request

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that the same be disallowed in the settlement of the account, not being a necessary and legitimate item of Mint Expense.

Very respectfully,
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Wm. Windom
U. S. S.

Aug. 5th. 1876.

Under the provisions of the pending bill and existing laws, the charges for refining and parting are to be fixed so as to equal but not exceed the expenses of those operations and the moneys arising therefrom are to be applied in full payment of such expenses. This provision does not affect the various items proposed to be appropriated. The sum which will be received from refining and parting will depend on the amount of bullion received and requiring those operations.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

(Telegram.)